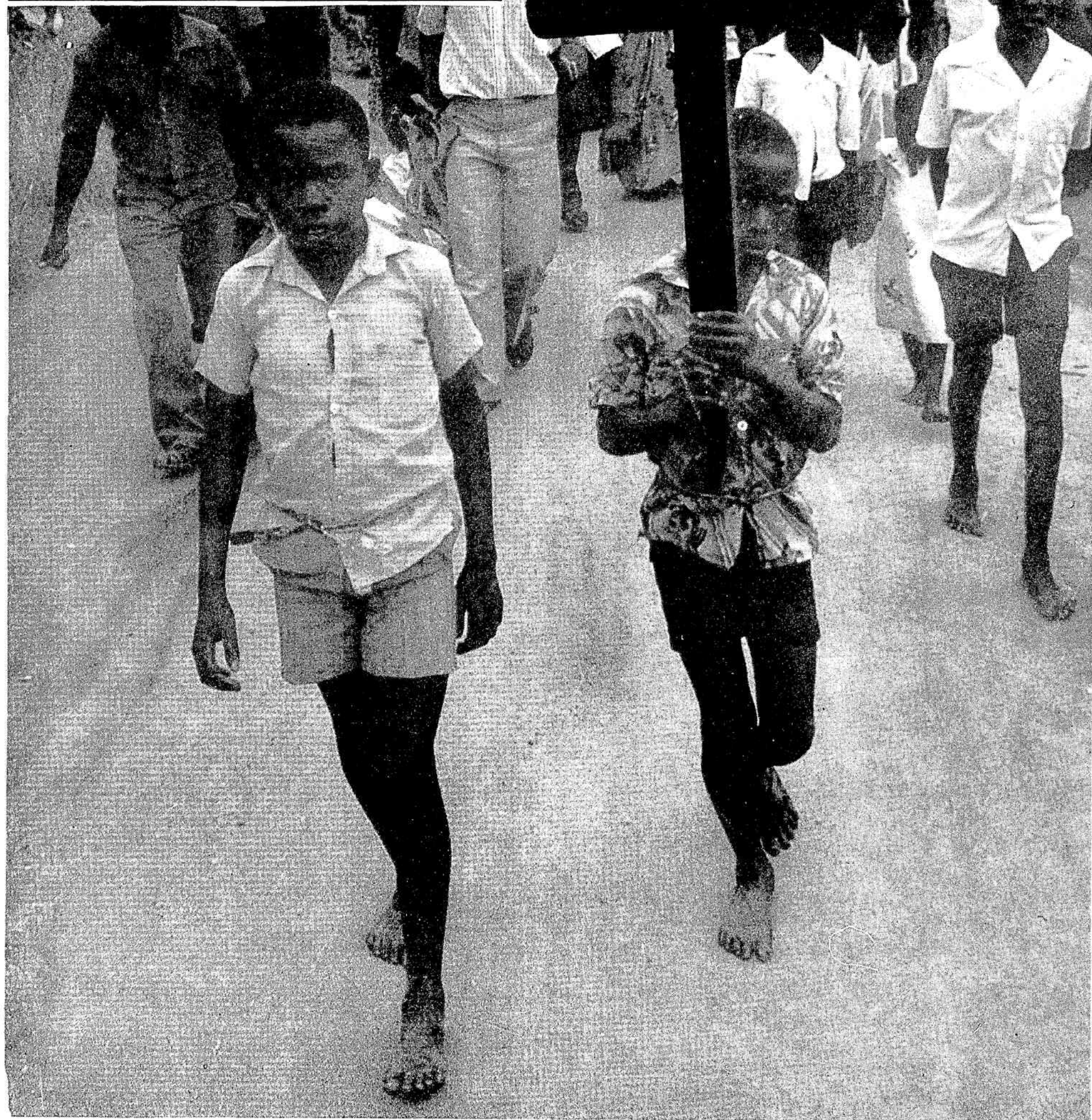


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Editorial

Ignorance is not bliss.

The last two issues of Woroni have received quite a beating from some sectors of the student population. We have been accused of promoting drug use, glorifying homosexuality and other such sins.

These sorts of reactions have succeeded only in exemplifying the conservatism and bigotry described in last issue's "Editorial the first". It seems that people feel that if they don't want to know something, nobody wants to know.

People complained that the last issue was full of articles about sex. Funny that, considering that the issues theme was "relationships and sexuality". In case people haven't noticed, Woroni has a theme for each issue. The theme of the issue immediately preceding the sexuality issue was "drugs and alcohol", which, if you're paying attention, will explain the presence of the needle on the cover and the high proportion of drug-related stories within. For which we were also hammered. After this issue you are likely to read very little about sex or drugs in Woroni since none of the themes have anything to do with either topic. Surprising though it may be to some of our letter writers, drugs, and yes, even sex are very much a part of some people's lives.

The cold, hard fact of the matter is that there are people out there who do want to know about drugs. Why? So they can make informed decisions. There are also people out there who do want to know about non-heterosexual lifestyles. And some people who do want to know how lesbians can practice safe sex or how to

enjoy safe anal intercourse.

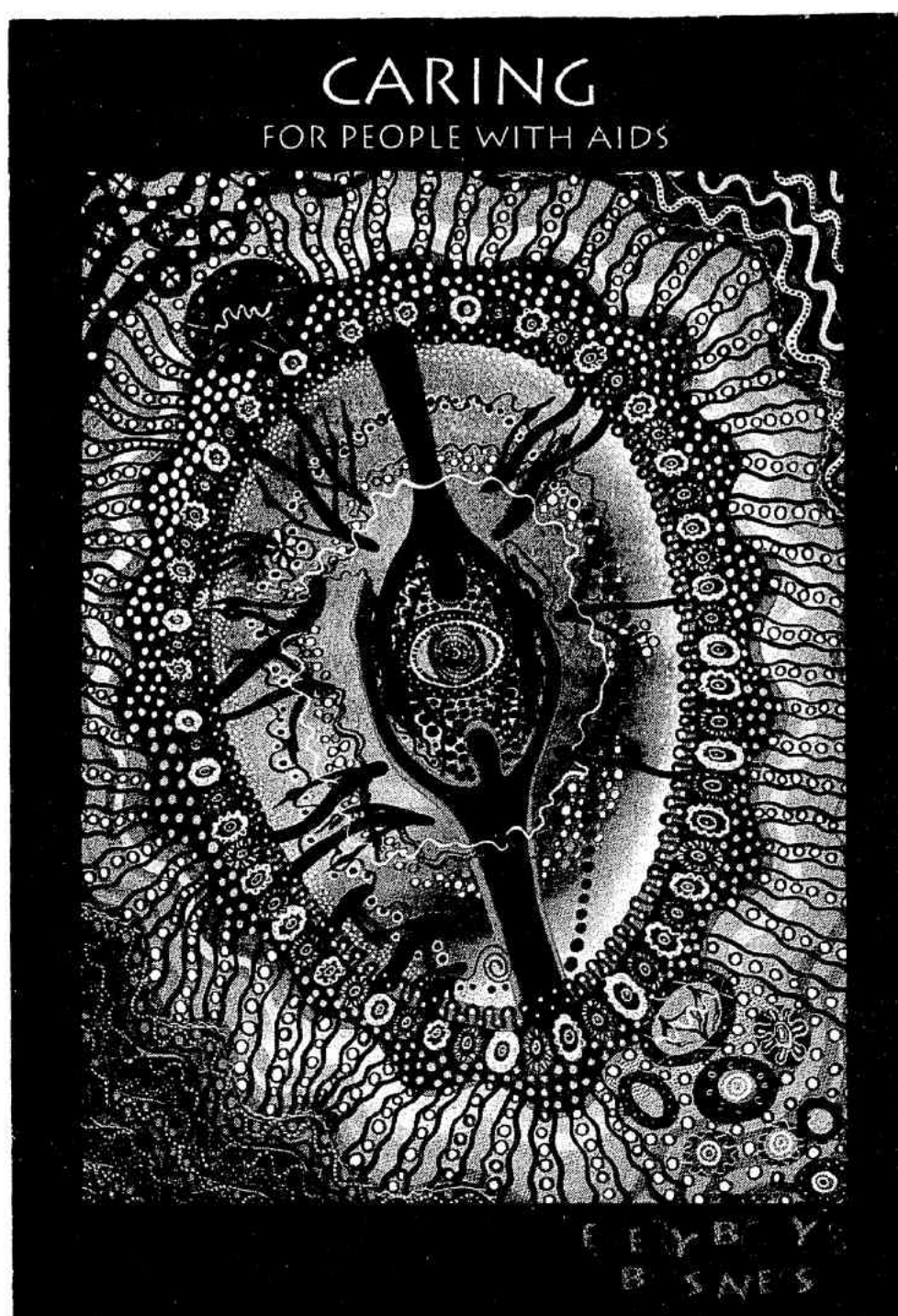
Some have said that the only reason Woroni prints such articles is to shock the readers. This is simply not true. The "evil" articles in question were printed in an attempt to inform those who wanted to be informed. Should the presence of one or two "offensive" articles prevent a reader from reading other parts of the paper which might interest them? Gay and lesbian issues accounted for less than ten percent (the calculator doo-jigger on this here Mac gizmo tells me it was actually 9.090909090%, and computers don't lie!). Considering that statistically 10% of the population are exclusively attracted to members of their own gender, less than 10% of one out of 14 issues can hardly be called excessive.

Another thing—before you complain about content, please bear in mind that nobody gave us anything on a heterosexual theme. The one article with a largely heterosexual topic (Don't Get Weird On Me Babe) emanated from the editorial team as a Sunday night act of desperation to redress the imbalance a little.

We here at Woroni towers have a fairly low opinion of those who will complain but not contribute.

-Paul

PS. For those who call some of our graphics pornography here is the Webster's dictionary definition: pornography n. writings, pictures etc. intended primarily to arouse sexual desire. Was your sexual desire aroused by those pictures? Mine wasn't.



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This is the last issue of Woroni for this semester. We will be back in the first week of semester two. The theme for issue #8 is "Welcome Back". We're not quite sure what that means, so if anyone has any ideas write something and bring it to us on or before Thursday 16th July. Meanwhile, everyone here at Woroni wishes you good luck for your exams and have a great holiday.

Many thanks to all our contributors and the others who give us copious amounts of help and support. Keep it up guys! We need you. If you are sitting out there thinking "I wish I could be involved with Woroni" stop wishing and come and see us. We need all the help we can get!

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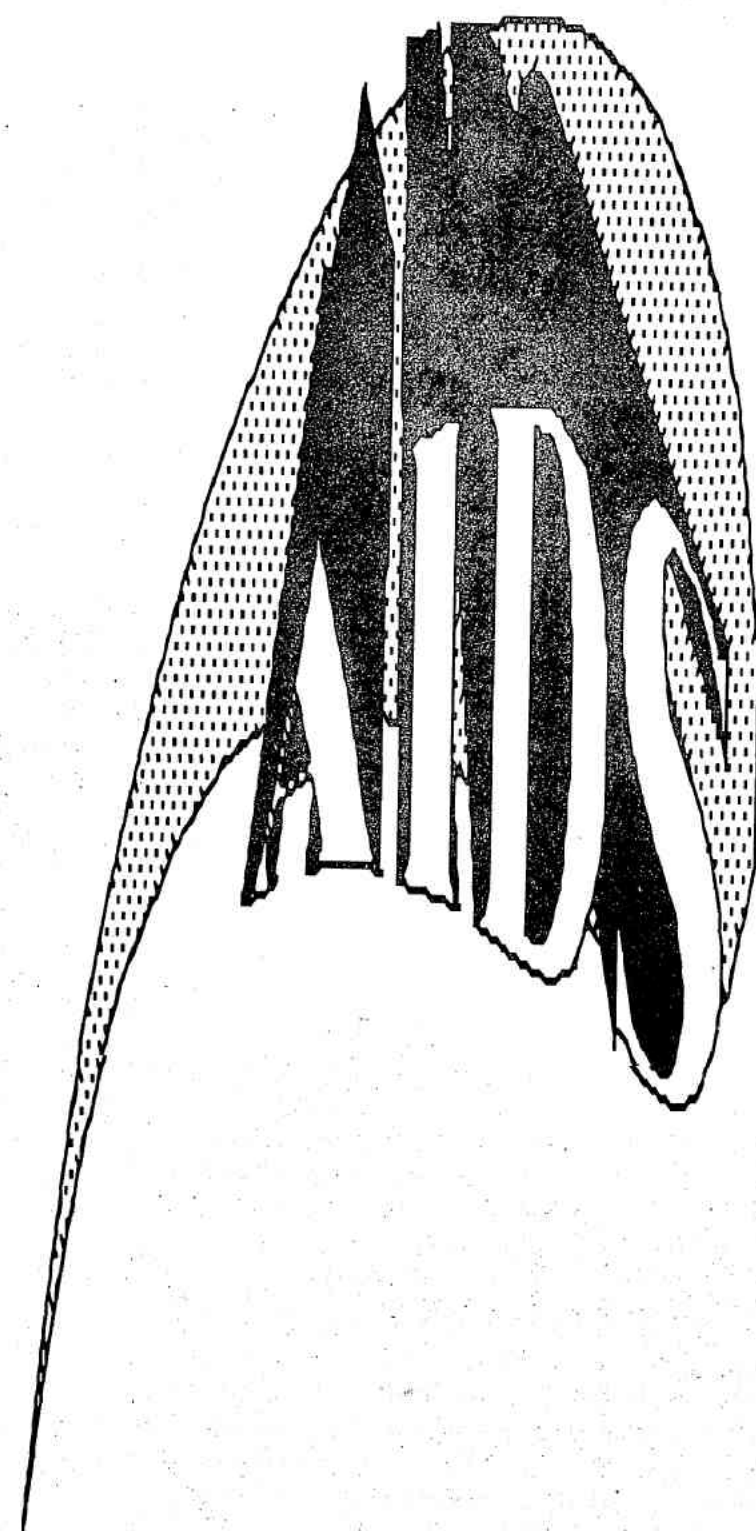
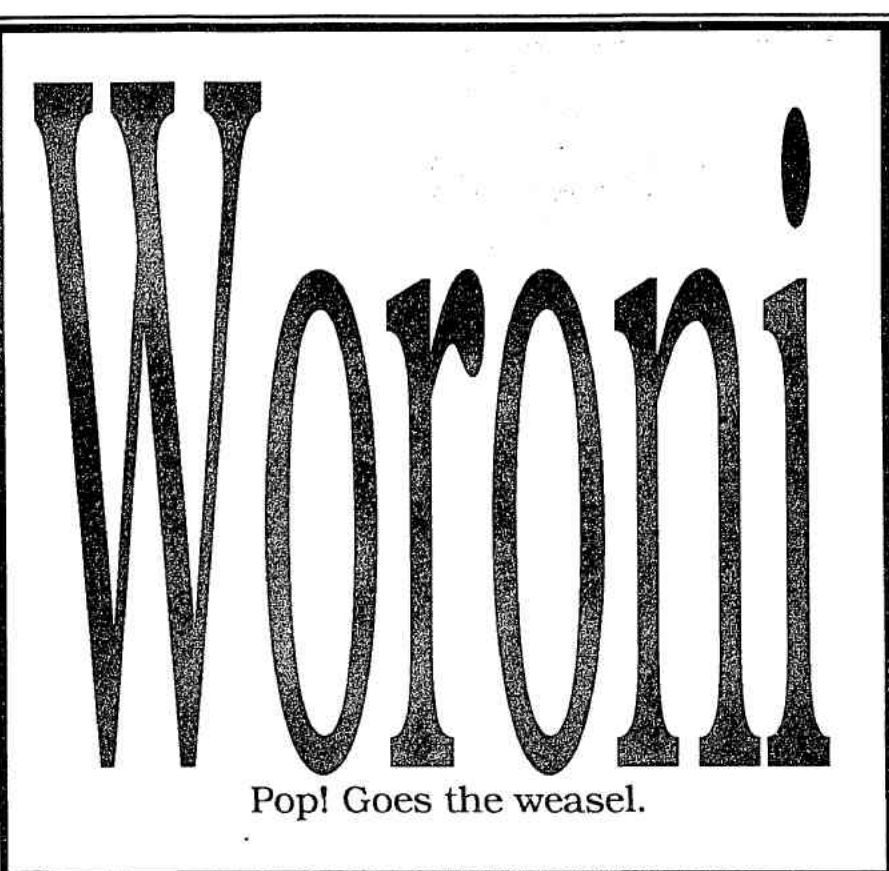
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NEWS

The world is spinning, people are moving, living, doing, seeing... and does anyone ever take any notice? Well, for those of you who think a newspaper should inform you about what's happening in the rest of the world - read on...

Can Australia help resolve the North/South Conflict?

UNCED Conference - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 3-12 June 1992

As you read Woroni (probably as some bizarre form of exam procrastination) one of the most important meetings of this century is starting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED, aka The Earth Summit) involves over 140 nations and more than 18 months of negotiations since the conference was first scheduled. Since January 1991 pre-conference negotiations (PrepCons) have been extensive. Many environment groups claim that the negotiations have fallen victim to the manipulation of various regional powers, in particular the US. Greenpeace cite the US as the main culprit behind the failure to set definite reductions for the reduction of CO2 and other Greenhouse gases. President Bush threatened to withdraw from the conference unless the Climate Convention contained no commitments. In its current form the Climate Convention no longer contains the commitment to the stabilization of CO2 emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000. Greenpeace argue that it should not be signed unless other binding commitments are entered into to effect reduction in these emissions and the rapid introduction of renewable energy technologies.

The negotiation processes have also given rise to what is now referred to as the 'North-South' conflict. This is essentially the same clash as is described in the 'developed/developing countries' framework. The Southern/Developing countries are the debt laden nations who are sacrificing the environment to achieve the same standard of living as they see in the Northern/developed countries (or to

pay back the interest on their loans). The industrialized Northern countries are the real consumers of the world which are causing damage to the environment in an effort to maintain profits at the margin. Clearly a compromise between the two worlds is going to be difficult to attain. Australia is, in this respect, in an unusual position in that while we are relatively industrialised (yes, we are still part of the OECD) a large part of our production is in the primary sector. We are also a large debtor nation. According to Judy Hendersen (of the Australian delegation to UNCED) this has given Australia a certain degree of kudos with both sides of the divide. A unique opportunity to facilitate change.

Unfortunately Australia's Prime Minister will not be attending. The budget is due out and he cannot afford the time. Instead Australians will be 'well' represented by three Ministers including Environment Minister Ros Kelly. Also attending are a delegation of 35 other Australians, including Sir Ninian Stephen Australia's Ambassador for the Environment. One need only recall the events of last week regarding the "Environment Kit" as endorsed by Ros Kelly to glimpse the commitment of that Minister to the issues. We can only hope that the sense of occasion will bring her to read (and endorse) more than just the cover of the extensive agreements to be tabled at the conference.

To an optimist the conference still contains a wealth of potential and it is important not to be too cynical despite the considerable dilution of policies witnessed in the PrepCons. If, however the conventions cannot be enforced or contain no real commitments then the cost of the trip to Rio will be far more than the airfare.

NEWS BITS

By Ben Harris
Do you think that current affairs concerns the number of sultanas in your cereal? Well, here Woroni gives you the lowdown on the news of the last fortnight.

* American vice president Dan Quayle again demonstrated his tenuous grip on reality by attacking FYI reporter Murphy Brown for her choice of becoming a single

mother. Ms Brown is setting a bad moral example to America, asserts Mr Quayle. Well, Danny, she's not real.

* ALP balls cruncher Senator Richardson has left the Cabinet in disgrace after telling the Marshall Islands that his cousin (by marriage) was really a swell guy with good business sense, while neglecting to mention his cousin's bankruptcy.

HUNGER STRIKE FOR INJUSTICE

This is the story of Karen. Karen is a Mum of three kids, all under five, she looks to be in her late 20s, red hair, freckles, and very similar to any other woman you might run into. Then what is so special about Karen? She is a victim, a victim of society and an out-of-touch legal system.

You see, Karen's little four-year-old son was sexually abused by a male friend of the family. He has been charged with three offences, and has pleaded guilty to two of them, and has been ordered to appear in the ACT Magistrate's Court on the 9th of June. So far so good, but here is where the problem starts. The man was bailed and released under various conditions, among which he was to attend St Benedict's (A Compassionate Crisis Centre run by the Catholic church). He, however, breached these bail conditions. He fronted court again, and this time was given bail with a condition to attend Duntroon House (a detoxification centre) among others. He breached bail conditions again by calling Karen at her home. So he fronts up in court again and, you guessed it, was bailed again with the same conditions as before and an additional \$2000 self assuerty.

This is what outraged Karen, she pours out to me in frustration. That this man is unemployed and has no fixed address. The implications of this being, if he was to breach bail conditions again he would qualify for legal aid, and the taxpayer would pay his \$2000 self assuerty. So, logically, what incentive does he have not to breach bail again?

Karen has embarked on a self-imposed hunger strike. She maintains a lonely vigil outside the ACT Magistrate's Court and has limited herself to a stringent diet of liquids. She refuses even to drink coffee because the milk contains nutrients.

What does our esteemed legal system have to say to Karen? Simply this, that the man only called her to apologise and he is innocent until proven guilty. Karen has trouble understanding this concept when the man has

already pleaded guilty to two of the three charges. All she wants is the preservation of her family. She explains that hearing his voice on the phone sent shivers of fright down her spine. The fact that she and her kids can't get away from his immediate harm did not comfort her, or soothe the pain of suffering he had caused her son.

Does she deserve to live with this torment? Hasn't she and her family been through enough torment already? Why is it that a legal system is so liberally lenient with criminals who have displayed a contempt for the lawful restrictions placed on them (and not just once).

Karen is not interested in jurisprudence or the philosophical implications of labelling one a victim or a criminal, all she is concerned with is the preservation of her family's basic right to safety. Has the apathetic fat of human greed encircled the bones of our legal system to such an extent that it is impenetrable, impervious to the grossest concerns of our society's less privileged? Maybe it is that our robe-clad brethren (and sisters not exempt) are too busy filling their coffers and working towards impressive resources to worry about the insignificant.

What ever the answer may be to all these questions doesn't really matter. They will be propagated and venemously advocated by a patriarchal and hierarchial elite in whom our well-being lies.

All Karen asks of you is support for her and thousands of others like her. Think about her when you are sitting in your heated lounge rooms watching TV and feeding your face. Try to feel the bitter Canberra cold she feels, the loneliness she feels from being separated from her family and the hunger that is gnawing into her. The smallest gesture will help. Drop in and say hello to her, or take a tent and a sleeping bag and keep her company. Show her your support because this is the plight of Karen.

By Jerome Reid.

* The Liberal Party has blamed the ALP for the beating up of old ladies. So if you see a Cabinet Minister hanging around an old people's home with a club, call 11444.

* A Polish man in a funny hat said from Rome recently that having more people on the earth wouldn't be an ecological problem. Apparently more people wouldn't be needing more food or land. So, for all you Catholics out there, still

no little rubber things.

* Do you want a real life Cabinet Minister to endorse your next essay? Just send it along, with a cover note saying how wonderful it is, to Ms R. Kelly, MP, c/o Parliament House, Parkes ACT 2600.

* And on Alan Bond's recent misfortune, Woroni says suck hot shit.

Campus club wants Peace

Thailand

In the past week, hundreds of pro-democracy protesters in Bangkok were killed or injured by the Thai military in an act of political violence which shocked the world. The protesters were calling for the resignation of General Suchinda Kaprayoon, the un-elected Prime Minister of Thailand. The brutal suppression of demonstrators began on Monday and continued for three days. Responsibility for the violent crackdown rests with Suchinda and the Thai military leadership. On Wednesday May 20 members from the 'ANU Thai Club' and the 'Thai Community and Friends' of

Canberra, many of whom have close friends or relatives living in Bangkok, joined together to protest the massacre in Thailand. A protest march of more than a hundred people walked to Parliament House and the Thai Embassy. At Parliament House, representatives from the group met John Kerin, the acting Foreign Affairs Minister,

presenting him with a petition requesting the Australian Government take a strong stance condemning the actions of Thai Government. The march then continued to the Thai Embassy where the ambassador was presented with a letter to General Suchinda requesting his resignation. After meeting with John Kerin, representatives of the 'ANU Thai Club' and the 'Thai Community and Friends' attended a press conference held by PM Paul Keating regarding the Thai situation. In this press conference, the views put

forward by the government were concurrent with the recommendations of our two groups. The protest also received wide media coverage which served to heighten the awareness of the general community about the Thai situation. In recent developments in Thailand, General Suchinda tendered his resignation on Sunday thus easing tensions in the country, but in his last act as Prime Minister, Suchinda signed a bill providing an amnesty to all those involved in the violent repression of the pro-democracy protests. This amnesty is unacceptable. The 'ANU Thai Club' and the 'Thai Community and Friends' support moves by opposition parties in Thailand to have this amnesty overturned in Parliament and will continue to pressure the Thai Government to demand that all those responsible for ordering troops to open fire on peaceful protesters are forced to account for their actions.

The 'ANU Thai Club' and the 'Thai Community and Friends' would like to thank all those who participated in organising and attending the protest march, organising press releases and collecting information from Thailand and Australia regarding the events of the past week. Thanks also to Sebastian, the SA Secretary whose office was temporarily swamped by Thai protest preparations. The ANU Thai Club Thai Community and Friends



Local Radio needs YOU

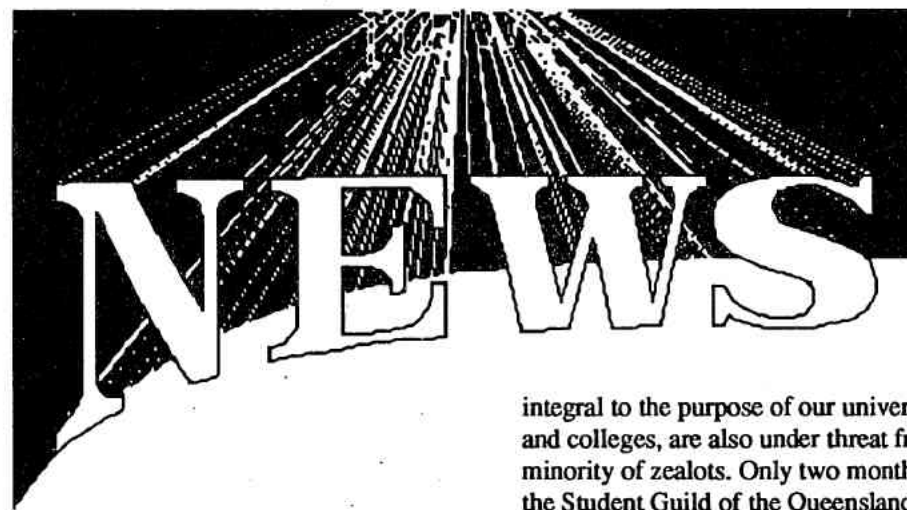
2XX TRANSMISSION

In the early morning hours of 2 July 1976, Canberra witnessed a major revolution in information technology. A low watt transmitter emitted a signal, the like of which had never been heard before, to every radio in the ACT and surrounding district. Radio 2XX, on an original frequency of 1010, became the first public, community radio station legally empowered to broadcast discussion and music produced and presented by an assortment of volunteers as diverse in culture and language as the ACT community itself.

History will credit Former Liberal Fraser Government MP Tony Staley with the initiation of legislation governing public broadcasting, the same MP rumoured as the numbers man organising the Block of Supply vote leading to the dismissal of the Whitlam Government. However, it was the investigations of a committee headed by Dr Moss Cass (Labor MP) that first sought to support and organise the Australian public broadcasting movement. It is significant that a Victorian federal seat member chaired this committee as it was the Melbourne public that had built an nurtured an undeniably strong expression of public broadcasting in Draft Resisters Radio: pirate radio transmitting on the run to Vietnam War draft registers in the underground. Federal police storm trooping the Melbourne University Union in search of a transmitter and studios was hardly the way to approach a new communications age. License being preferable to Anarchy, 2XX was awarded the first of the 'Moss Cass Eleven' experimental licenses, followed the next day by 3CR in Melbourne. Despite the gag or technological censorship of 2XX, the station's audience is growing. An independent survey of radio audiences commissioned by the Public Broadcasting Foundation published in March this year measured 2XX's audience share at 21% of all people living in the ACT and aged 14 years or older. This is an improvement on the



17% audience share measured by a similar survey conducted in 1987. It will take the strength and commitment of every 2XX listener to secure that station's survival. 2XX staff and volunteers are determined to pursue a TRANSMISSION CAMPAIGN that will take the station from low power AM broadcasting to full district FM coverage. From Country Round Up on Saturday 13 June to Fret Frenzy on Friday 19 June, your favourite programs and presenters will be asking you to contribute hard cash to the TRANSMISSION CAMPAIGN Fighting Fund. Dig deep and take 2XX into the 21st century. Donations can be made by calling the Studio, phone 247 4400. As every struggle necessitates celebration, 2XX invites all its supporters to a RAVE...PARTY...FUNSINO on Saturday 20 June. Take a turn on the 2XX wheel of Fortune, drink tasty concoctions prepared by the Wireless Witches with Latin American food upstairs in the Rehearsal Room of the Griffin Centre (Bunda St. Civic). The party starts at 7pm with live acoustic and ambient music preceding our top DJs playing the trax you want to hear. TRANSMISSION, The Rave With A Mission, begins at 11pm. Admission is free to all 2XX subscribers, or \$10 for non-subscribers. Support independent radio for the ACT and experience the ultimate in sensory transference. For further information phone Maeve Wingate 247 4082.



THE NEW CENSORSHIP

Six years ago the Federal government proposed a Bill of Rights for Australia. Based on the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights, Article 7 of the Australian Bill read: "Every person has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom of the press and other media of communication, and the freedom to seek, receive and impart ideas or information of any kind in any form, without interference and regardless of frontiers." The 1985 Bill was misguided, but the affirmation of freedom of speech, a bulwark of liberal democracy, was welcome.

Now, in 1991, the Hawke Government is proposing a Bill which would result in a dangerous restriction of free speech: a ban on political advertising in the electronic media (at least prior to elections). This, ironically, is occurring on the 40th anniversary of the failed referendum initiated by Mr Menzies to ban the Communist Party, which Dr Evatt, then leader of the ALP, vigorously and rightly opposed. A further irony is that the Hawke Government's attempt to suppress political advertising comes at a time when its own expenditure on advertising to promote, among other things, the Government's services and record has reached an unprecedented level (\$232 million in 1989/90).

Freedom of expression has an ambiguous status in modern Australia. The rules governing it are changing. In some areas, expression has never been more liberal; in others new taboos are being reflected in harsh new social and legal regulations.

Traditional morality has been under attack for some time for its alleged intolerance and hypocrisies. But the new morality, as with the proposed restriction of political advertising, has more than its fair share of double standards and intolerance.

Thus, as Hugh Morgan indicates in relation to the Coronation Hill fiasco, while blasphemy against the Christian and Jewish religions is now commonplace, to question the authenticity of Aboriginal mythology is to risk accusations of gross insensitivity and racism.

Too often in recent years the term 'racism' has been used to suppress legitimate debate about immigration or multiculturalism or Aboriginal land rights rather than applied accurately. Racist sentiments should be opposed when they are encountered, but it is doubtful whether their incidence in Australia, which is relatively free of racial conflict, justifies legislation such as the New South Wales law against 'racial vilification'. Such legislation certainly does not advance the cause of free speech.

ZEALOTS ON CAMPUS

The values of free discussion and inquiry,

integral to the purpose of our universities and colleges, are also under threat from a minority of zealots. Only two months ago the Student Guild of the Queensland University of Technology refused the Student Liberal Club's application to affiliate unless the Club agreed to do nothing to advance "in word, deed, or action" the central plank of its policies: voluntary student unionism. A recent book, "Illiberal Education" by Dinesh D'Souza, describes the growing climate of intolerance on American campuses as student fanatics demand curricula determined not by intellectual standards but by categories of race and gender. Fortunately things are not yet as bad in Australia. But there have been warning signs. In the mid-1980s a Melbourne academic was subject to a vicious campaign by extremist students for having a letter opposing Aboriginal land rights published in the Melbourne Age. Equalling as disturbing as the campaign was the silence of the university's administrators. Just a month or so ago the South African Ambassador, Mr Tothill, invited to the Australia National University to discuss recent changes in South Africa, was prevented from seeking by student radicals.

EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS RESTRICTED
New restrictions on freedom of expression also apply to the advertising of positions of employment. The latest is the South Australian Government's ban on "age-ism" in advertising. In the midst of disturbingly high youth unemployment, the South Australian Government has deemed it unlawful to advertise for a junior. A circular from the South Australian Commissioner for Equal Opportunity declares unlawful an ad such as: "Wanted - a junior to work in a supermarket chain". The obverse is also now that it is illegal to advertise with a person with, say, 10 years' experience to manage a hardware store. This discriminates against the person with three years' experience. But is that not the employer's right? Apparently not. (The NSW, Victorian and WA Governments have also announced their intention to proscribe age discrimination.)

SEX, BUT NOT SEXISM

'Sexism' also excites the impulse to censor among the new moralists. A 17-person National Working Party on the Portrayal of Women in the Media has been established to identify, with the aim of eliminating, sexual stereotyping in the media. Our public broadcaster, the ABC, once a standard bearer of the English language, has banned the use of 'sexist' language by its announcers, presumably because it is offensive to some women. At the same time the ABC has liberalised its attitude to obscene language. And viewers of one television program, hosted by Andrew Denton, one of the male appointees to the working party referred to above, were treated to the spectacle of a young audience applying condoms to variously shaped vegetables. Women more offended by this than by sexist

DEBATE

Submitted by Stephen Lord

language apparently fall outside the new moralists' sphere of tolerance.

While the censoring of sexism has grown stricter, pornography in our society has become more widely available and openly displayed, and is influencing standards even in commercial television. Perhaps low standards are preferable to double standards. But even this rationale does not hold: as feminists are now recognising, pornography does not treat men and women equally.

The new double standards are epitomised in Victoria where the same government which has banned advertisements for tobacco products has legalised brothels. The moral opprobrium once reserved for prostitution is now directed at tobacco companies (alcohol is set to follow). Prostitution has been morally neutralised with a new language of 'sex workers', 'clients' and the 'sex industry'. The only sin, apparently, in this brave new secular world is polluting our physical bodies. It is true that in some form prostitution and pornography have always been with us. The issue is what status we give them. It is fashionable to criticise our Victorian ancestors for hypocrisy, for hiding their vices rather than acknowledging them.

But honesty and openness is not always the best policy: condemning prostitution to the back streets, the streets of shame, keeping pornography under the counter, at least gives them their due place in the moral order. It at least maintains a boundary between decency and indecency. Pretending that they are businesses like any other is to deny the humanising sense of shame, which leads us to want to conceal our vices. It is to blur the distinction between what ennoble us as humans and what demeans us.

What a society permits and does not permit to be uttered or seen or done in public is one facet of its collective morality. A strange inversion has taken place when our society - or those who claim to represent us - permit brothels to be advertised but not cigarettes, obscene words to be published but not words which discriminate between men and women, and contemplate a proposal to restrict advertising by political parties while governments spend taxpayer's money advertising their success.

by Ken Baker.

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National Day Of Action



by Damien Hamwood
Posing as an innocent first-year, I waited in Union Court to see the violence which had sparked outrage across the country in previous rallies on AUSTUDY, the HECS scheme, student loans, etc. The only action I saw was the newspaper war between The Socialist and Green Left Weekly. With only the rain for company, (except for Mark and Leanne, with whom I chatted with for a while), the organisers decided to go into the Refectory and speak their piece there. We heard Rick Kuhn (tried to sell me The Socialist-which I declined), Amanda Chadwick, and other people from Resistance, Green Alliance, and the International Socialist Club talk on how people missed out on University places, that "education is a right, not a privilege of the rich", and that the rally was going to University House to speak with Pete Baldwin, our friendly neighbourhood education minister, and put certain views before him. Well, we walked along the wet roads, with camera-men from WIN and Prime trying to keep up. A few more imaginative slogans were sang as the merry band of 50 souls arrived at the conference room, only to find that Peter kept to his schedule, as set by the Australian Federal Police. Which meant that he didn't show. Oh well. More speeches, in the tone of-

"well this just goes to show that Mr Baldwin doesn't care much about what students have to say". Pete, you're a whimp. If the AFP can't guarantee your security, then get the Army to organise your timetable next time. I'm sure you'd say hello to our 1st XV, but you won't even go near the "violent hard-core left wingers". Afraid of a few eggs, hmm?

date rape survey

Have you ever been raped?
 no
 yes

Have you ever reported a rape to
 a rape crisis worker
 the police
 a doctor
 other (please specify) _____

Which of the following situations would you classify as rape?
 A stranger jumps out of the bushes and forces a woman to have sex
 A woman says yes to vaginal sex, but no to anal sex, the man performs anal sex anyway.
 A drunk college woman goes to an all men's college party and agrees to sleep with one man, then his mates come in and have sex with her too.
 A guy and a girl go on their third date to a park, they had only kissed and petted before, now the guy expects and gets sex, but the girl doesn't want to.
 A man takes a woman out for a very expensive dinner, and pays, so when she says no to sex, he thinks she really means yes, and has sex.
 A man sees a naked woman in bed through her window from the street, he figures its an open invitation, so he climbs in and has sex with her, although she struggles and cries.
 After the toga party, Michael, who is extremely drunk, sees Angela unconscious on the grass, so he has sex with her.
 Mrs Smith doesn't want to have sex with Mr Smith, But he has sex with her because it's his right as a husband.

Which of the following statements do you think are true.
 A woman walking alone at night is asking to get raped.
 If a man pays for a woman's dinner or drinks, he is entitled to sex
 A husband is always entitled to have sex with his wife
 Women enjoy rape
 Girls who sleep around are asking to get raped
 Raping a prostitute is not as bad as raping a chaste woman
 Women make up a rape story to get back at a man
 Men get uncontrollable sexual urges
 Rapists are sick
 If a woman asks a man to go out on a date, she wants sex
 If a woman goes out with a man to a private place, she is agreeing to sex
 When a woman gets drunk or stoned, she wants sex
 A woman hitch-hiking wants sex

What do you think about pornography?
 It is harmless
 It objectifies women
 Hardcore or violent porn glamorises, teaches and condones rape
 Pornography is beautiful
 other (please specify) _____

Which of the following have you done?
 masturbation
 kissing
 manual stimulation
 oral sex
 vaginal sex
 anal sex
 violent sex

Do you think any of these things are dirty, wrong or distasteful?
 masturbation
 kissing
 manual stimulation
 oral sex
 vaginal sex
 anal sex
 violent sex
 premarital sex

Who do you think can be a rapist?
 a coworker
 a father
 a stranger
 a teacher
 a boyfriend
 a brother
 a classmate
 a friend

Who do you think can be rape victims?
 a pregnant woman
 a prostitute
 a young girl
 an old woman
 a house-wife
 a baby
 a woman in tight, revealing clothes
 a teenager

(Women) Have you ever been coerced or forced into
 kissing
 manual stimulation
 oral sex
 vaginal sex
 anal sex
 violent sex

(Men) Have you ever coerced or forced a woman into
 kissing
 manual stimulation
 oral sex
 vaginal sex
 anal sex
 violent sex

Have you had any sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)?
 Venereal warts
 chlamydia
 herpes
 gonorrhoea
 public lice
 hepatitis B
 NSU
 PID
 HIV/AIDS

Which of these have you or your partner used?
 condom
 birth control pill
 intra uterine device
 withdrawal method
 rhythm method
 sterilisation
 spermicide
 diaphragm
 morning after pill

How often do you or your partner use contraception?
 Every time you have sex
 Most of the times you have sex
 Some of the times you have sex
 never

How many sexual partners have you had?
 none
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
 10
 more than 10

Have you ever had an abortion?
 no
 yes

In which cases do you condone abortion?
 rape
 foetal abnormality
 unwanted/unplanned
 endangering mother's life
 any case

Are you
 female
 male

Are you
 heterosexual
 bisexual
 homosexual
 unsure

How old are you? _____

Do you work?
 no
 part-time
 full-time

What is your job? _____

Do you study?
 no
 part-time
 full-time

What do you study? _____

How would you describe your nationality or ethnicity? _____

Do you reside
 by yourself
 with family
 with friends
 with partner
 residential college

Are you of a particular religion? _____

Would you describe yourself as
 working class
 middle class
 upper class

Are you
 single
 in a relationship
 married

At what age did you lose your virginity? _____

Rape. What exactly is it? Is it a violent act in a carpark or coercion in a bedroom? Who is a rapist? A psychopathic stranger or someone you know? Who is a rape victim? Young hitch-hikers or middle-aged housewives? "Date rape" is a new term for rape by a friend or acquaintance. Most rapes reported to the police are "date rapes".

This survey is to find out Australian people's opinions and experiences with rape and sexual coercion. Your opinions are also sought about other moral issues connected with sexual violence. This questionnaire is completely confidential. In multiple choice questions, tick as many answers as you feel are right. Your opinion is valuable, no matter what it is. If you have any additional thoughts or experiences which you could relate, feel free to include it on an extra sheet of paper. Please send your survey to GPO BOX 2302, BRISBANE 4001.

College

Life

DATELINE DALEY RD.

By Eleanor Archer
College Correspondent.

Well the B&S is behind us all for another year. Do the organisers really feel that by changing its name from Interhall B&S to ANUS B&S they will attract any substantial non-residence support??? Or possibly even raise the tone of the event? (God knows it can't get much lower). Anyone who finds this sort of drunken cattle drive sleazing frenzy fun needs their brain dissected, assuming they have one. On a pleasant note, I hope everyone had a really nice time and are no longer ashamed of appearing in their dining halls. I hear there was a large exodus 'home' for the weekend, particularly among those who had a rather big night.

Inward Bound is over for another year with the John XXIII Division 1 guys breaking the seeming monopoly that Burgmann have had in recent times. Maybe someone should send Burgmann a letter with instructions on how to be good losers. Other sports are moving along - Rugby League, Netball and Table Tennis to name a few.

Those of you who picked up this Woroni in a hall/college will have realised that threats made in recent

weeks have not been carried through and Woroni has not been banned from any residence. I trust that any moves towards such a dictatorial ban will be met with resistance from the residents of the halls/colleges concerned. You may not appreciate/agree with or even read Woroni but you must be able to if you so wish.

Now it's time for twenty questions on college life. How does one have safe sex without a condom machine? How do you get home safely from the library?

How do you get home safely from the college next door? How do you not get scurvy from the food?

How do you make your voice heard in a sea of apathetic yuppie slobbs?

How do you break into the Coke machine?

How do you get guys to put the toilet seat up when they go for a piss?

How do you pass exams when all you can hear is the KLF?

How do you know when to stop asking questions?

The Trollops And The Toyboys

By Brenda Walsh

When Adrienne and Andrew returned to QC, they were confronted with the sight of their best friends being carried away to AFP headquarters for being involved in subversive publications. The ambulance was apparently there as a precaution in case anyone else attempted to jump out through the bars.

The exam period moved inexorably closer, with a short break for the annual B&S (read bonk and sleaze) - the big chance for people to sleaze/bonk those whom they haven't been able to make it yet. It spelled the end of Melissa and William's relationship, as many of William's first-year ghosts returned to haunt him, mainly in the shape of Louisa, Tish and Rebecca. He and Rebecca finally got together at the B&S, however she had to tell him that his theories of global warming were a little too heavy for her, but Andrew was quite attractive. William was so pleased to be privy to these type of secrets. Andrew and Adrienne continued to be sickeningly in love.

"William, I'm afraid you just don't understand - it's not that you are horrible or anything you're just a tad too intense for my liking. I don't like to be tied down or to have too many strings attached." Jennifer paced the floor, many calculating how many times she had delivered the "I like you but ..." speech. She gave it up as a lost cause. This had to be her 12th time. This week. She really shouldn't have got back with William but it was a little late for regrets now. She had to go and see Iain tonight about possible medical certificate fraud for the upcoming Pol Sci exam. William was unfortunately looking pained at the while procedures she might have to deviate from the usual form for him. He was after a special case.

"Look, why don't I come back tomorrow night, all right? Can you cope with this? Oh, stop blubbing and get a grip would you? I haven't time for this now." Sympathy in exchange for bonking rights was one of

Jennifer's least favourite trades, so she exited quickly.

Meanwhile, not only were Louisa and Tish daring to show their faces in college again, but another blast from the past, Christian, fresh from rorting the SA of \$25 000 of CSS funding discovered that he had in fact contracted syphilis from an unknown unnamed first year at the B&S. This unfortunately put an end to the oh-so-subtle overtures from Scott in his direction. The disease quickly spread to his brain, causing a but of I am an annoying selfish infantile slob syndrome which ended up with Christian living in the QC third floor coon room. Scott was left pining in his room from unrequited love, playing Doris Day songs, to the extreme annoyance of his neighbours.

Louisa had got a grip on life and had set her sights on Iain. While Iain was flattered, he has not been seen since he wandered off in search of his Pol Sci exam. Louisa was forced to console herself with her Art History lecturer, thereby bringing up her academic record to a straight P average. It soon became apparent, however, that she wasn't being appreciated and so she moved on to William, who had got over the reoccurrence of his relationship with Jennifer, his one night stand with Rebecca and his casual bonking with Mardi, and was, once again, ready for monogamy. Or so he thought until a relapse of "studly fever" swept the college. William then retreated to the "I am an insensitive male pig" school of relationships at which point Louisa bid him adieu and headed for the Uni Bar in search of new talent. William went on to make Adrienne's acquaintance. Was his dream of monogamy about to be realised? Will anyone pass anything? Is Iain still alive? Who nows? Who cares? Has Christian spread syphilis all over college?



"Oh, Ginger - you look absolutely stunning ... and whatever you rolled in sure does stink."

Woroni

The Underworld Oracle

STRESS (or, the Oracle as Therapist)

Now, I'd like to lay to rest a few rumours about my whereabouts over the last couple of issues. I was *not* hiding out from the crazed conservatives from John XXIII who came in after the back cover on the issue before last to set fire to the office. (Puzzling, that, because the two Johns' guys who actually posed for that cover weren't at all bothered about it). I was *not* kidnapped by the Corin House Womens' Collective in order to be used as a sex object. (And to the person who wrote in suggesting that was what had happened, I've passed your name and address on to the Collective in question.

"...my mind a million miles away wondering what that snorting and crackling noise from the next carrel is..."

Treasure your eyeballs while you've got 'em). I was *not* slogging back from Brisbane on foot after having failed to get a lift back home from the New Kids on the Block concert. (That was Fiona). And I was *not*, repeat *not*, overcome by exam-time stress.

I don't suffer from things like that. I am relaxed and well-adjusted, and here are some ways I do not spend my time:

Hanging around in the Refectory, talking in a too-shrill voice about the nights of study I put in all last week, and how I really am pretty well across the examinable stuff, I found when I was reading it that it was good and familiar, all I need is to do is a bit more brushing-up, and I find I start losing my way if I study *too* much, don't you? People who carry on like this take note: you're fooling no-one but yourselves. Your ragged fingernails and bloodshot eyes are giving you away.

Sitting in the Library, staring blearily at a big stack of books I've just got off the shelves without really seeing them, my mind a million miles away wondering what that snorting and crackling noise from the next carrel is, or dwelling on the proposed "study" to be put in that evening (sitting at home looking equally blearily at a different pile of books thinking much the same things), or running through songs I heard on the radio on the way to campus that morning. If you're doing that and firmly believe everyone else in the

Library is studying except you, don't worry: that whispering sound is not hundreds of pens scratching down HD-winning notes and essays but muttered curses at the solitary prat in the corner who is whistling to him/herself. Note 1: If there isn't a solitary prat in the corner, make one up. Under no circumstances curse the Librarian with the squeaky trolley, who will hear you and wait right until you are about to finally understand the chapter you're reading and drop a bookend behind you, destroying your train of thought. Note 2: When your mind starts playing

noses into some textbooks for a good long while. You can recognise these people on Results Day by the way they peer at their grades behind their hand so no-one can see which set they're looking at, then stamp away hissing with fury. (If you're going to do that, by the way, invest in a long overcoat to flap behind you as you stride along. It won't help your feelings any, but you'll look really cool and your foul temper will make you seem introverted and romantic). If there's anyone out there whose exam stress is approaching terminal, (and since you're taking

the previous week, but don't rely on this method exclusively.

Get sick. Physically or emotionally. Or, given that anyone with exams coming up is both of those already, get more sick. Eat fried rice from the Refectory food bar, go for a swim in Lake Burley Griffin, or pick a screaming fight with someone close to you in a public place. The advantage of this latter approach is that, as well as letting you vent all your frustration and anger, the odds are you'll permanently split up with the person, giving you more time to study interrupted. Also, you can go around with a hat after your opponent has stormed off and collect moner on pretext of having just done some street theatre.

"...It won't help your feelings any, but you'll look really cool and your foul temper will make you seem introverted and romantic..."

Go to the Baby Animals concert. I've got tickets and you haven't. Hee, hee, hee.

Perform do-it-yourself surgery on a Young Liberal. Explain to them that the cuts are in the interests of greater efficiency and will actually save them money. Amputate hands and attach them to shoulder blades! Pin tongues to foreheads! Arrange eyeballs on necklaces! Your options are limited only by your imagination! It's not as if you're experimenting on animals, or anything worth saving like that.

Come to the Woroni office and try to find out who all the pseudonyms are. You're not going to manage it, of course, but you can make us a cup of coffee while you're here.

"...If we find one that actually works for Paul and Fiona, you get to sleep with both of them."

As always, we at *Woroni* would love (printable) suggestions from yourselves on other ways to beat the exam-time psychosis. If you know of a good way to either make yourself study, or to feel good about not studying, put it in writing and leave it with us. If we find one that actually works for Paul and Fiona, you get to go to bed with both of them. Who said *Woroni* is stingy with its giveaways?



Teen Queens lyrics at you, it's time to leave.

"...Get sick. Physically or emotionally... Eat fried rice from the Refectory... go for a swim in lake Burley... pick a screaming fight with someone close to you in public..."

Sitting around those yellow concrete tables in Union Court enjoying the sunlight and looking pleased with myself. If you are the sort who hurries past those people with a heart full of hate, just remember what obviously hasn't occurred to them: all the courage it took to actually come out of the closet and *admit* they weren't studying would easily have been enough, if so directed, to get their

time off from study to read even the obscure later-page *Woroni* articles like this one, then yours probably is, or deserves to be), then you might want to try a couple of quick 'n' easy cures.

Read. I don't mean any old thing, though. It's a commonly observed fact that the immediate proximity of an exam renders you totally unable to read anything on that topic without losing concentration instantly, but getting out lots of stuff *peripherally* related to your topic and going through it meticulously is very cunning. (You can tell yourself (and everyone else) that you're reinforcing your background knowledge, and all these titles look impressive, but in fact you're doing absolutely nothing. *Cunning!* I once knew someone who bluffed their way through an exam on some peripheral crap they read

ASSOCIATION UPDATE

By Amanda Chadwick and Andrew Pearson

Students Association President Amanda Chadwick can be contacted through the Association Offices on the first floor of the Union building (behind the Asian bistro) or on 249 2444 (5h)

President's Report

Environment Audit

Green Alliance last year put a submission to the University that they should undertake an Environment Audit of the whole Campus. The University's written approval and the Audit's structure have been announced. The Audit aims to examine the University area by area to check purchasing policy, waste disposal, recycling facilities, energy usage and more. It is hoped that the recommendations can be put into place in 1992.

SA vs Union Refurbishments

The latest in the continuing saga of The Union vs the Students Association. The University's feasibility study of the costs and practicalities of the SA or rather 'Woroni' being relocated to the car Park has been completed. As might have been expected that option has now been ruled out.

The current option is to relocate the Shoshin centre, for the Students' Association to retain a proportion of the area which the Union had hoped to claim, and for the SA and Clubs to have first dibs on one of the meetings rooms (which will be where the Asian Bistro is now). The latest plans are on the SA notice board for students who have strong view points on the issue or have ideas on how we can make it work. Please feel free to tell me!

National day of Action

A second national day of action was held on 26th May in Union court and refectory. The ANU's Action was a day ahead of the rest of the nation as Baldwin was to speak on the Campus on the 26th, and it seemed an opportunity to good to miss.

The Education Committee and interested students had hoped to say that despite 'alterations' to Chapman's Loan scheme, it was still unacceptable while the level of basic grants was below the poverty level. However Baldwin's reaction to the student protest was to simply cancel his visit as 'security could not be guaranteed'. This kind of response to student concerns from the Minister for Higher Education does not bode well for the future.

AUSTUDY Repayments

Several issues ago I reported that there was a bill before Parliament to place a mandatory 20% interest rates on all late repayments. The Democrats sought to have the motion disallowed but it was rejected by the major parties and it all happened on the National Day of Action....

The future of the Bar Crawl/Slug

As advertised in Woroni a meeting was held to discuss the Bar Crawl last Sunday. The meeting discussed options for alternative events or what the various parties could do to keep the Bar Crawl. The potential costs and liability for the event were found to be stumbling blocks. Two

As you can see from the sheer volume of the Association's Update it has been a good fortnight. The budget as approved by students at last week's General meeting has been approved in full by the University's General Services Fee Committee and subsequently by the Finance Committee, so we should see the money soon. An inspection of the lights on campus at night to look at lights with the relevant authorities, has produced some happy results - more on that later. And then to top off all of that a ACT Landcare grant which the Association applied for some months ago has been approved.

subsequent gatherings later (one with the University) the Bar Crawl is the Bar Slug. The first 'Bar Slug' is to be held in Bush Week on South Oval by Inter-Coll in conjunction with the SA. See either party for details or how you can help.

Safety on Campus

The issue of safety on campus raised quite a stir last issue.

On Thursday last week representatives from the SA, Buildings and Grounds and the faculties did a tour of the campus to inspect the lights and potential trouble spots. Things already seem set to come out of that. Visible results includes some new lights for a variety of different locations, (which will make especially happy residents of Toad and those who ride their bike to the Law library).

However it is very clear that there were some areas of campus which Buildings and Grounds refused to light. They argue that even with lights they would still be dangerous. They are more dangerous now! So ANYONE if you are walking alone do not go via the **Stepping Stones**. Do not go to **Toad via the Sullivans Creek Route**. Or better still catch Brian's Bus (timetable on the next page) or ring Ext 9 for a security guard escort.

A map of the lighted paths of campus is published on the back cover of Woroni, please make use of it.

The SA Welfare Committee (an elected body) will launch their 'Safety on Campus' Campaign next term in conjunction with the University of Canberra, posters and stickers etc are being finalised soon. Interested students are welcome to get involved, see Sebastian for meeting times.

lights that go off as you approach them?

The lights that go off as you get to them... The lights that flicker etc... No lights on the Campus are programmed to do anything remotely like that. It's a technical fault the light is just taking a long time to blow. So report them and their exact location to works and services on Ext 3651. Light maintenance occurs every Friday.

AIDS Bus

The Union is heading a push to get the AIDS Bus kicked off Campus or at least to a very far corner. The bus currently parks outside of the Union two nights a week to distribute condoms and advice and exchange needles. Determined to ignore the problem of safe needle disposal and public education of AIDS issues, the Union has only installed needle disposal units in areas which are publically visible. The simple and sad fact is that there is a need for these sorts of precautions. Getting rid of the Bus is not getting rid of the problem.

Academic Progress appeals

The rules of academic progress appeals have just been extended so that if your appeal fails you are entitled to know why. Yes, I know that is a huge improvement. The SA is attempting to get a review of the whole procedure in particular that aspect which relates to different faculties policies. The paper will detail why we think the ground of progress appeals known as "Harshness of a faculty's decision" should be extended and made clearer. The paper will be presented to Board of Faculty (the top academic body in the University). The basic thrust of the argument is that the situation as it stands is inadequate and in fact discourages students from applying. So we would like to hear from anyone who has first hand knowledge of this or any other aspect of academic progress appeals (after your exams of course)

Pro-Abortion Petition

Petitions which have been in circulation around the University regarding the need for abortion clinics in the ACT should be returned to the SA's Womens' Officers before the end of term. The issue does seem to be getting some support within the ACT Legislative Council. The Legislation has been tabled for discussion in the next session.

General representative vacancy

A countback of the 1991 voting papers has been organised for Tuesday 2 June. The vacancy has been brought about by the resignation of Kym Turnbull. Judy Poulos has withdrawn from the countback.

COMPUTERS USERS WARNING

Anyone who has used disks in the SA Computers in the last week or so beware! We have had a very vicious virus. Do not use your disks again without running them in a machine with a recent Virus intercept programme.

P.S. There will be no more Markets until Bush Week.



ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Treasurer's Report

Revised Budget Approved

The revised budget that was printed in Woroni #5 was approved (with amendments) by acclamation at the GM held in the bridge on the 27th of May. The net result was that the SA has asked for \$30,111 from the GSF Committee.

The GSF Committee actually approved \$6978 more than this. It was of the opinion that I should not have removed this amount of depreciation expense. Copies of the final budget are available from the SA.

At that meeting a petition signed by over 100 students was offered as a proxy vote against the passing of the budget. These were not accepted by the chair of the meeting.

This petition was presented to Amanda after the meeting for the purpose of calling a special meeting to re-consider the decision to pass the budget. Given the small vote against the budget (1) at the GM one must wonder where all the signatories to the petition were.

Perhaps they were persuaded that the budget was not irresponsible. Perhaps they could see the great disparity between the claims of the petition and the real submissions.

Who knows? Unfortunately I am not able to report on the outcome of the Special General Meeting in this edition.

Part of the approved submission was \$10,000 to get a photocopier better suited for Clubs & Societies purposes. The following summary was prepared by Sebastian Diessel, the SA's secretary.

Summary of Photocopier purchase options

(i) Why the SA needs a new photocopier:

The photocopier purchased last year is totally inadequate for the purpose for which it was bought. In short, it cannot cope with the volume of copies made. For instance, in the first three months of this year a total of 102,048 copies were made. Since the beginning of April a further 92,333 copies have been made - 46,167 copies per month!!! Xerox have advised the SA that they will no longer be able to honour the maintenance agreement as the copier is being used beyond its specifications. This would result in substantial increase in the maintenance costs and a hopeless facility - as many of the Clubs & Societies who rely on the copier have experienced. Clearly something has to be done!

(ii) New photocopier alternatives:

Over the past weeks the SA has been investigating the benefits and costs of purchasing a new copier from various different companies. The best proposal has been made by Canon Australia Pty. Ltd who recommend two alternatives:

Option 1. - Purchase a new Canon NP6650II, which will be capable of handling all the SA's copier requirements.

- Specifications: - Copy Speed: 50 cpm A4
29 cpm A3
- Automatic Duplexing: 50 sheets
- Recirculating Document Feeder
- Multiple Copies: 1-999

- 2000 sheet A4 Paper Deck

Cost Canon Copier NP6650II	\$19,375.00
LESS: Trade-in allowance	\$6,045.00
Subtotal	\$13,330.00
Sales Tax	\$1,815.00

Total (Including Sales Tax):
\$15,145.00

Notes: Although the cost of this machine seems excessive, its greatest advantage to the SA is the fact that it can cope with the type of work load which appears to have become the pattern of demand set this year. Furthermore, given the depreciation, both physical and financial, that has accrued on the current copier in just one year of service, it would be prudent to take advantage of the generous trade-in allowance Canon are offering - particularly as it is unlikely that the SA could recoup that amount if it were to try and sell the current machine on the second-hand market.

Option 2. - Purchase the Canon NP4050 and keep the current Xerox copier to share the SA's copier load.

- Specifications: - Copy Speed: 40 cpm A4
23 cpm A3
- Automatic Duplexing: 50 sheets
- Multiple Copies: 1-999
- 500 sheet x 2 A4 Loading Cassettes

Cost Canon Copier NP4050	\$11,960.00
Sales Tax	\$950.00
Total (Including Sales Tax):	\$12,910.00

Notes: The Canon NP4050 alone would be unable to cope with the work load. Also, the cheaper cost of the machine is somewhat deceptive. An additional \$1,955.00 would have to be spent for a Recirculating Document Feeder, bringing the total to \$14,865.00. As the SA would be keeping the current copier it would lose the trade-in allowance. However, Canon has offered the SA approx. \$2000.00 in lieu of trading the current copier in. Although this would bring the cost of the NP4050 down to \$12865.00, it would be leaving the SA with a copier which could only partly deal with the total work load and an old Xerox copier whose 'shelf-life' is rapidly expiring.

(iii) The SA's preferred photocopier option:

Essentially, the 'notes' given at the end of each 'option' summary point to the SA's preferred option. It makes more sense to spend the extra \$2280.00 for the larger NP6650II which will be able to satisfy all of the SA's and C&S's needs, rather than be lured by what appears to be a cost saving but in fact could turn out to be very expensive and leave the SA in a similar predicament to which it now finds itself.

AIDS Education.

Jane Kearney, the ANU & UCAN AIDS Education Officer of runs a competition each

year for the design of a poster and a T-Shirt and offers a prize of \$250 for each winner. For last years competition the prize money came from University of Canberra SA and the ANUSA has been approached by Jane to fund this years competition. For more information about the competition you can call Jane on X2606.

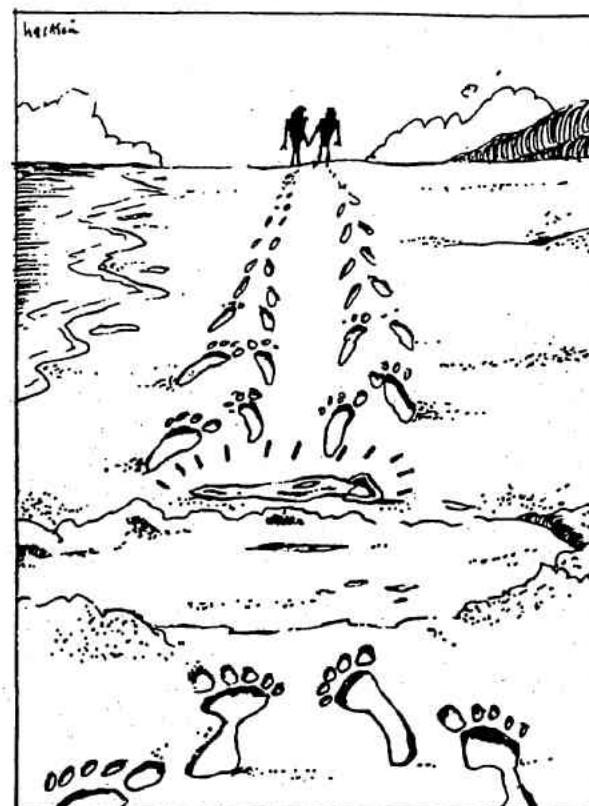
AIDS is a disease that all students should be aware of. Education about the disease and safe practices to avoid transmission have been integral in slowing the spread of AIDS.

Every 6 weeks the SA receives a cheque of \$90 from the AIDS Council of Australia for the posters that are put up around the University. It would seem appropriate to allocate these monies to further the cause in which they are received.

Book Store

The following people still have cheques ready for collection. Please come into the SA at any time with your student card to collect them.

A. Chye
B. Duchnaj
B. McKenna
C. Hoogendoorn
C. Ireland
D. Johnston
D. Croft
I. Conceicao
J. Jensen
J. Ning
L. Sharaf
M. Rook
M. Teele
N. Duncan
R. Liebich
S. Lee
S. Tay
S. Trotter
S. Pennel
S. Woodward
S. Byrne



ASSOCIATION UPDATE

'Association Classifieds'

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

People wishing to apply for any of these positions should leave their name, contact number and info of any relevant experience, with Sebastain the SA Secretary

The Students' Association has recieved a ACT Landcare Grant which will be presented on International Environment day 5 June. The grant makes provision for the payment of three students to be employed to organise the project.

The positions are:

*Consultants. The grant has provision to

employ 2 students with relevent qualifications (eg forestry, SREM etc) as consultants. The area is in a rural, close to Canberra and has a salinity problem.

Duties include: to survey the environmental needs of the area and draw up a planting programme, including soil preparation and identify the species most suitable for the location. \$\$\$ available as payment..

*Co ordinator 1 studen tcan be employed to co-ordinate the project including volunteer planting weekends. Obligations: organising volunteers from different sections of the campus pop. and transport, publicise the project and to

write the final report for Landcare at the end of grant (12-18 months). Some \$\$\$\$ available.

*Bushweek Committee

Bushweek is held 17- 21 August, the budget for the week is \$2,000 plus sponsorships. Bushweek unlike O'Week does not have an elected organising Committee. The SA is looking for interested students willing to take on the arduous task (For glory not \$\$.)

Or anyone, with ideas but no enthusiasm, should put pen to paper before the holidays and leave them with Sebastian, the SA secretary.

* Doctor/Nurse.

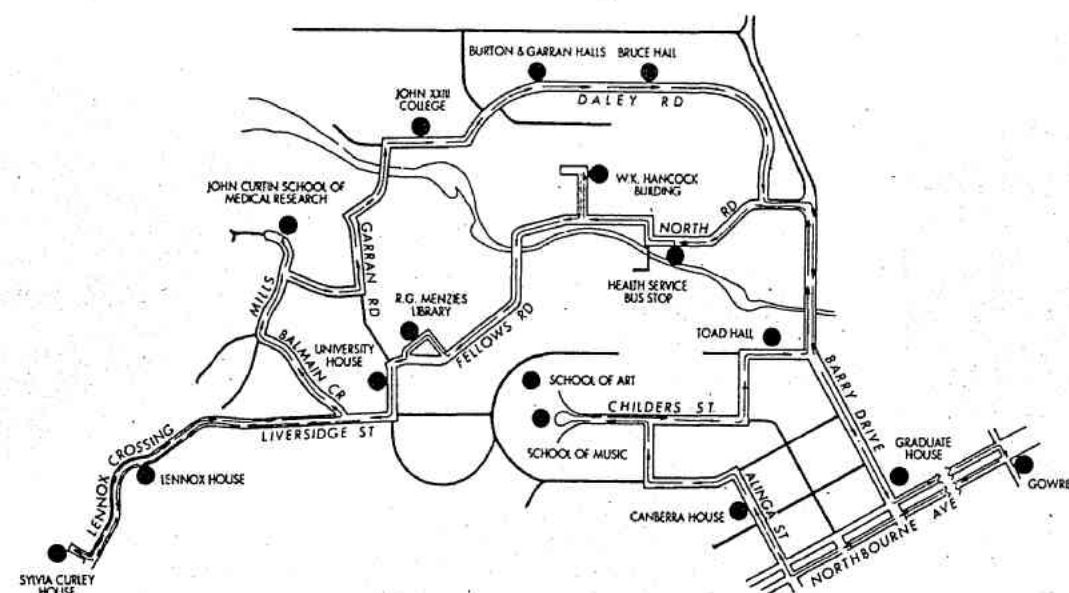
We need a volunteer who is qualified and certified to take blood, during all or one day of Bush Week (17-21 August) in order to have the mobile blood bank on Campus.

The SA would like to re-establish the Vaampires Cup. That is where Clubs compete to donate the most blood to the Red Cross in return for a prize. The prize is a keg of beer, or anything of the same value as desired by the group.

The bus is back . . . again!

(and now goes to I.T.A.)

"Brian's Bus" will operate from Monday to Friday throughout first and second semesters, to provide secure transport for students and staff.



ANU After Hours Bus Timetable

Health	5.30	6.15	7.00	7.45	8.30	9.15	10.00
Hancock	5.32	6.17	7.02	7.47	8.32	9.17	10.02
Menzies	5.34	6.19	7.04	7.49	8.34	9.19	10.04
University House (Carran Road)	5.35	6.20	7.05	7.50	8.35	9.20	10.05
Lennox	5.36	6.21	7.06	7.51	8.36	9.21	10.06
Sylvia Curley	5.38	6.23	7.08	7.53	8.38	9.23	10.08
John Curtin	5.40	6.25	7.10	7.55	8.40	9.25	10.10
John XXIII	5.42	6.27	7.12	7.57	8.42	9.27	10.12
B & G	5.44	6.29	7.14	7.59	8.44	9.29	10.14
Bruce	5.45	6.30	7.15	8.00	8.45	9.30	10.15
Toad (1)	5.48	6.33	7.18	8.03	8.48	9.33	10.18
Graduate House (1)	5.50	6.35	7.20	8.05	8.50	9.35	10.20
Gawrie (arrive)	5.53	6.38	7.23	8.08	8.53	9.38	10.23
Gawrie (leave)	6.01	6.46	7.31	8.16	9.01	9.46	10.31
Graduate House (2)	6.03	6.48	7.33	8.18	9.03	9.48	10.33
Canberra House	6.07	6.52	7.37	8.22	9.07	9.52	10.37
School of Music	6.09	6.54	7.39	8.24	9.09	9.54	10.39
School of Arts	6.10	6.55	7.40	8.25	9.10	9.55	10.40
Toad (2)	6.12	6.57	7.42	8.27	9.12	9.57	10.42

GENERAL MEETINGS

There will be three general meetings this week... that has to be a record!
All students are welcome to attend.

1) *Special General meeting*: Monday 1 June 12pm in the Bridge.

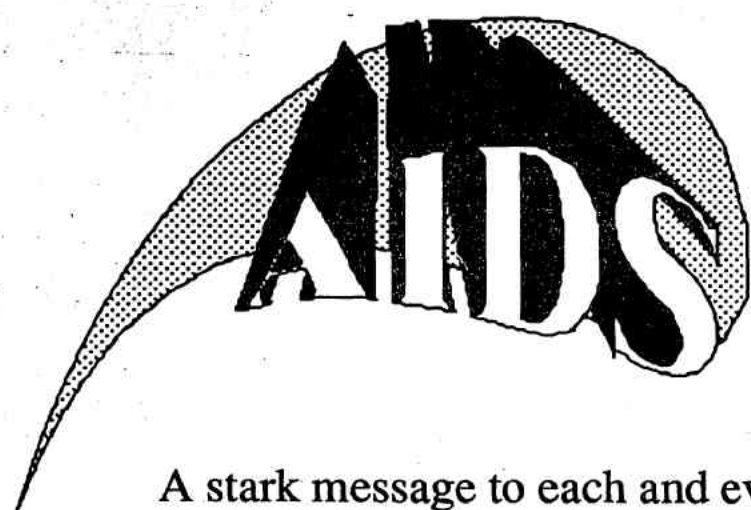
The meeting was called for by petitioners. Motions include to not apply for any GSF money for 1992 and to call for a refenda (to set limits for the SA's budget submissions).

2) *Annual General Meeting*: Thursday 4 June 12pm in the Bridge.

The meeting is a constitutional requirement. The 1991 Audit will be tabled. Reports will be given by Liz O'Leary 1991 President and David Wawn 1991 Treasurer.

3) *General Meeting*: Thursday 4 June 1pm in the Bridge.

Agenda Items include: Referenda to accept a whole new constitution, refenda to set limits on the 1992 budget and set GSF limits, Constitutional amendments for club accountability and more!



THE GOVERNMENT SPELLS OUT THE FACTS

A stark message to each and every one of us in our homes.
Please read this article with the utmost care.
Thank you for not smoking.

WARNING: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CERTAIN WORDS

IS THERE SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN?

Naturally your Government is concerned. Of course we as a Government are concerned and it is right that we should be concerned. We shall never turn our backs on that concern, for this is a matter which concerns each and every one of us, although it concerns some



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people more than other, if for example they have come into contact with strangers, or have been taking stimulants, or share a toothbrush, and so on and so forth. Now some people have said that we don't seem concerned. But let us just look at the facts. This Government has shown more, much more concern than any previous Government towards this menace in our midst. That is our style. We are concerned and shall continue to be concerned. That is our policy. And we shall stick to that policy, as stick to it we must and stick to it we shall. We have not flinched from the facts. To take just one example, we have not hesitated to tell people straight that is probably all right, on the whole, to shake hands with other people, or to be in the same room as strangers.

But, and this is an important but, if they are in any doubt whatsoever, they should rinse any affected parts in proprietary household bleach or pop along to their local Advisory Centre for Gay Haemophilic Drug Abusers.

This is the sort of positive advice on which we all can act.

IS THERE ANYTHING TO BE DONE?

What we must do, and do quickly, is to tackle the problem as we as a nation are facing. Each and every one of us must tackle it with resolution, with determination, with guts. We shall need to have strength. We shall need to have unity. We shall need to pay

attention to personal hygiene and to steer clear of this and that and we shall need to deploy our resources, substantial resources, there must be no mistake about that. Very well. We have those resources. Today our attitude is quite different. We have created a fresh

climate of optimism where once there was only despair. We have provided a whole range of new opportunities where once there was only decline and decay. People have learnt to stand on their own two feet and not to cling to others. It cannot be over-emphasised how important that is.

To take just one example, the Australian condom industry is now the envy of the world, yet until recently people said there was no call for it. We have proven these people wrong. Condom production has more than doubled in recent months - yes, doubled! That is the measure of our recovery and there must be no turning back now, we must take the next step forward.

IS THERE A WAY FORWARD?

There is always a way forward. Firstly we have to take those condoms and make sure they are



A typical virus, magnified several times

put where they are most needed. And, you know, it is not just condoms. We have to look at a whole range of resources if we are to achieve a really long-lasting result which we as a nation must have if we are to face up to this very difficult situation, because there are no magic cures, no easy panaceas.

CAN YOU CATCH IT OFF PEOPLE IN THE STREET?

There is absolutely no earthly reason why ordinary, decent, honest, hard-working, God-fearing people need to have any real concern provided they do not go about doing things which no ordinary, decent, honest, hard-working, God-fearing person would do willy-nilly.

This may perhaps seem harsh but the plain fact of the matter is that for too long, far too many people have been going about doing things willy-nilly and the time has come to call a halt, or at the very least be more careful.

Many people are now saying that they have had enough. And they are right to say when enough is enough. To have any more could put YOU at risk. We have said and we will go on saying that it is no good looking at this problem in isolation. We have to look at the person next to us at home or in the street or in the car or in bed or wherever it may be and we have to ask ourselves: is that person one of us, or one of them?

IS IT TRUE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US ALL DROPPING DEAD?

In a democracy there will always be arguments and it is right that there should be arguments because that is the strength and the essence of our freedom. People should be free to say what they feel and express those very real concerns which affect us all as we go about our daily lives.

Often we have to find a way to face up to sometimes difficult decisions and, let's face it, they are difficult decisions, they are matters of judgement and of

sound common sense. If, for example, at a dinner party you are offered a four-letter word you may have to find a way to politely refuse, but without causing offence or embarrassment to your host, who probably means well. No, we must say firmly, that isn't the way. It really isn't you know.

HOW CAN I MAKE MY HOME MORE SECURE?

Wherever you live, you are a part of a community at risk from AIDS. It may be large or small, in a town or in the country, but the residents of any community possess a very detailed knowledge of their neighbourhood which even the local GP or "copper on the beat" may find hard to achieve.

A policeman or GP may not recognise someone in your garden as a stranger or AIDS carrier, but a neighbour might. It is this kind of awareness and willingness to help that is the basis of Neighbourhood AIDS Watch.

By being a good neighbour and keeping an eye out for anything suspicious, you can help prevent the spread of AIDS. These are some of the things you should report:

- * Strangers with shifty looking eyes or funny walks.
- * People hanging about in pairs.
- * Anyone loitering suspiciously near an opium den.
- * Someone you don't know in your local gay singles bar.
- * Anyone who asks to borrow your toothbrush or 'vibrator'.

If you see anything you believe is suspicious around your neighbour's house, paint a black cross on the front door and inform the authorities.

Thank you for your prudence.

Now wash your hands.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AIDS

by Jane Keany, Campus AIDS Worker

HIV/AIDS is a controversial and emotive issue. Never a day goes by without media comment. From Tom Connors in the Canberra Times (26/5/92) to Fred Hollows, nationally over the last few months; to Elizabeth Taylor, internationally. Elizabeth Taylor's message of support for the Commonwealth Government of Australia's 'Women's Services Project' seems an appropriate start to this article about knowledge and behaviour: "AIDS poses an unparalleled threat to humanity, devastating lives globally - irrespective of gender, class or race. Those who once believed the AIDS epidemic could be contained and confined to certain segments of society are fast recognizing their substantial errors in judgement. Today, we are faced with the tragic realization that more and more women and children are infected with the HIV virus and a new response is clearly needed ...

Together, in a concerted, intelligent and compassionate effort, we can make a meaningful difference. There is no time to waste: the consequences of ignorance are shattering. No one is exempt from AIDS.

We are all vulnerable and ultimately nothing can protect us as well as a rational understanding of the disease itself"

What is AIDS?

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is a disease caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) when the virus has broken down the body's immune system. Normally the immune system defends the body against infections and diseases. Once it is broken down by the HIV, people can get diseases which normally wouldn't affect them.

How do you contract the virus?

The virus is contained in all of our bodily fluids, but it is only in blood, semen, vaginal fluids and breast milk that the concentrations are high enough to affect us. As such, people who have penetrative sex and don't use a condom are at risk of either spreading or contracting the virus; people who share needles when they inject drugs are at risk.

The risky behaviours
If you are a man with HIV, you can infect your partner through:

* Anal sex (very high danger).

Both the giving and the getting of anal sex is dangerous. The virus in semen, in blood from tearing of the anus, or in the lining of the back passage, can get into your partner's body.

* Vaginal sex (high danger).

The virus in semen can get in the woman's body through the vaginal wall.

* Oral sex (some danger).

The virus in semen can get into your partner's body through the mouth. Tiny cuts in your mouth, recently opened up for instance, when you brushed your teeth, can allow the virus to pass into your bloodstream.

If you are a woman with HIV, you can infect your partner through:

* Anal sex (very high danger).

The virus in the lining of the back passage, or in the blood from tearing of the woman's anus, can get into your partner's body through his penis.

* Vaginal sex (high danger).

The virus in your vaginal fluid and menstrual blood can get into your partner's body through his penis.

* Oral sex (some danger).

The virus in vaginal fluid or menstrual blood may get into your partner's body through the mouth. Both sexes can be infected by

THE LEPERS OF TODAY:

A Christian Response to the HIV/AIDS Issue

By Ruth Ditton

Since the international recognition of AIDS in 1981, 3192 Australian men, women and children have been infected with the AIDS virus. 2044 of those infected have died. In the ACT 44 cases of AIDS have been officially reported since 1982. Of those 28 have died.

HIV/AIDS is an issue that effects every strata of society. It is an issue that provokes fear and uncovers prejudices. It is an issue that all members of society must respond to. It is an issue from which one cannot hide.

To date society's response to AIDS has been slow. This is due to a number of factors. Initially little was known about the characteristics or effects of AIDS. How does one respond to an unknown enemy? Again, because AIDS predominantly involved homosexuals and drug users people were unwilling to become involved with AIDS patients. Due to these factors initial responses to AIDS originated in fear, bigotry and prejudice. AIDS was seen as God's punishment, Nature's retribution, the wages of sin, and as the product of ecological kickback. As a result of such responses AIDS patients became outcasts, modern lepers. Their rights as

human beings were called into question as society struggled to formulate a response to AIDS.

Regrettably the Christian response did not differ much from that of the rest of the world's. AIDS patients were condemned by many. The idea that the homosexual and drug communities were finally getting their just desserts was too appealing. But that is changing.

Finally people are beginning to see and understand that AIDS patients are not freaks or weirdo's, but that they are humans just like the rest of us. Jesus understood this. When he ministered to people he saw their heart, not a disease. He saw what was hurting a person and why. Jesus saw the root of a person's problem and he met the need of that person. People were changed as a result. Jesus cared about the individual. He did not condone that which was wrong in their lives, but he was concerned to help each person as much as he could.

There are two great commands that Jesus gave us—to love God with all that is in us, and to love others as Christ loves us. As Christians we are called to be like Christ, to have hearts for those in need. These include AIDS patients. I wonder how many of us really do have the heart of Christ in this matter!

sharing sex toys like dildos.

If you are infected, you can also pass the virus on to your baby during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding.

You can also become infected through sharing needles and syringes.

How to avoid the virus

It's important to remember that the HIV virus is not very robust. It does not survive outside the body fluids for very long. You cannot catch it from being in a room with a person who is HIV positive, drinking from the cup of someone who is HIV positive, kissing; you cannot catch it from toilet seats or mosquito bites. It is easy to avoid:

* Say no to sex.

* Say no to sharing needles.

* Have sex without having contact with your partner's body fluids by:

* using condoms and water based lubricant every time

you have sex until you are sure you have a committed relationship and both have had negative HIV tests;

* using condoms on sex toys like dildos;

* using a latex dam (dental dam) as a barrier over the vaginal area or anus, for oral sex;

* making love by kissing and hugging, massaging and stroking to orgasm, and masturbating together.

* Have only one sex partner who is not infected with HIV.

Talk to your partner and come to some agreement about sex in your relationship. Many couples agree that if either of them goes outside of their relationship for sex, they will always use a condom on those occasions.

Easier said than done!

For many students (and non-students), negotiating safe sex is easier said than

done. All the best intentions for instance, fly out the window when alcohol and other drugs affect our judgement. Love is another state which can cause us to take risks we normally would not take. Our own needs to be loved and accepted can lead us to put caution to one side. Social taboos make sex difficult to talk about. And the socially created inequalities between men and women cause sometimes unrecognised difficulties.

Hints

Think about what you are doing. Confide in people you trust. Talk to your friends about how they make safe sex work for them. Has it ever worked for you? Work out why - you might be able to do it again.

Ask yourself if you want to have sex now. Think about your drug and alcohol use - maybe you could cut it down a little, still feel relaxed and keep your wits intact! You could experiment with other ways to relax.

Talk to a professional at one of the following services:

- * Uni Health Service
- * Uni Counselling Service
- * AIDS Action Council
- * Family Planning Association
- * STD Clinic
- * Lesbian Line
- * Gayline
- * Women's Health Centre
- * Rape Crisis Centre
- * Workers in Sex Employment
- * People Living with AIDS
- * Needle Exchange
- * Drug Referral and Information Centre (DRIC)
- * ACT IV League
- * Your private doctor

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Legal AIDS

by Jenny McSpadden

If you've wondered what your legal rights are as far as AIDS testing, discrimination and housing are, then look no further! This is a comprehensive guide on all that and more.

Testing For the HIV Virus:

Something that some of us might have to face one day is the blood test for HIV. The facts are the test itself is free and, no one can force you to take it. Except of course employers who are not ordinary people. This would happen if knowledge is essential for your job, but you'll find most unions oppose this. If this happens to you ask how this is relevant to your job, for a compulsory test may be unlawful under anti-discrimination law. A hospital can't force you to take it, neither can your doctor. On the other hand, they have the right to refuse to treat you except in an emergency situation.

Where it is not urgent, the law is unclear in those states without anti-discrimination laws. (see further down.) In these states a health care provider can generally refuse to accept a patient for any reason. If you have a problem, contact the head administrator of the hospital in question or contact the health department in your state or territory. Unless the law permits, if a sample of your blood is tested and you suffer harm as a consequence, for example you lose your job, life insurance or are refused necessary surgery, you may be able to sue those responsible. Unfortunately your result is not just between you and your friendly local pathologist. If you are positive it must be reported to a government health authority. While it supposedly doesn't happen often this may be used to get in touch with previous partners. So, take the test anonymously. It's the best way to keep your secrets secret.

The Police and Public health authorities can arrest, detain or isolate you if you are acting in a dangerous way, i.e. if they think you are a public health risk or are deliberately infecting others. This happened to a prostitute in Kings Cross who kept working and using unsafe sex practices when she was HIV positive - without her patrons knowing she was infected. Needless to say you can get into big legal trouble if you do this.

Also, if you have HIV and share a needle with someone and they become infected and can prove it was you they caught it from, you can be legally liable and they'll sue the ass off you.

Discrimination:

Shock, horror- not all states have adequate anti-discrimination laws (please note Canberra) and it varies from state to state as to what the discriminating bastards

can get away with.

As before, as your employer goes, the skies are still cloudy. It may be against the law for a boss to fire you (but realistically in this situation, what boss would fire you solely on the grounds of you being HIV positive.) And it may be against the law for someone to discriminate against you because you're in a high risk group (the optimum word being "may.")

Also our marvellous Australian defence forces are not covered by anti-discrimination laws so, if you are antibody positive, gay or known to be in any high risk activity, you will either be rejected or discharged.

Housing and accommodation:

In those states which protect the persecuted, no one can stop you and a landlord can't evict you from having housing which you are entitled to. However this may not apply when living with the owner. If you live in one of those barbaric states, unless the terms of your accommodation protect you from victimisation, (which is highly unlikely) you have no protection. But provided you are obeying the terms of your lease, or terms of accommodation, you can not be evicted without proper notice which is usually one rental period.

Don't forget, some local AIDS organisations ie the AIDS action council of the A.C.T. may be able to help you with accommodation. Their phone number is 2572855 and they're at 13 Lonsdale St Braddon.

In N.S.W., Vic, SA, and WA, it is unlawful to discriminate against the handicapped or the impaired. In N.S.W. and SA it's against the law to discriminate against Homosexuals. So if you have been discriminated against in one way or another write it down A.S.A.P. and report it to the Anti-Discrimination or Equal Opportunity people in your state, or the Commonwealth Human Rights Commission.

Here are some phone numbers that might come in handy one day:

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Board: (02) 2297600.

Board of Health and Complaints Unit: (06) 2454111.

AIDS Hotline: (008) 451600.

Legal Aid: (06) 2433411.

Welfare rights and Legal centre: (06) 2472177.

Women's information and referral centre (06) 2454650 / 2454654.

But ladies and Gentlemen please remember the law is an ass so don't get your hopes too high if you run into trouble.

Source: legal working group AIDS council of N.S.W.

FRED HOLLOWES: STICK TO OPHTHALMOLOGY. YOU'RE BETTER AT IT!

by Ross Dutton

Fred Hollowes is a person I used to admire. Not any more. His fictional diatribe on AIDS has removed any claim he has for my respect.

On the Jana Wendt show he pleads "When are gay men going to stop bashing Fred Hollowes?" What a joke. He wants to put us in quarantine. His comments have increased gay bashing. Gay men are ringing the AIDS Council of NSW in fear of their lives. We are only attacking his opinions because they are wrong and dangerous.

The internal inconsistency of his arguments is incredible. On the one hand he claims that in Australia AIDS remains a homosexual problem and that homosexuals have scared everyone into thinking that AIDS affects everybody. On the other hand he claims there are lots of HIV+ people spreading the disease. Well if this was the case then AIDS wouldn't be just a homosexual problem.

Gay men can't win - they get blamed for not spreading the disease and they get blamed for spreading the disease. The reality is that in Australia the disease is spreading far slower than equivalent Western countries - it has remained confined mostly to men who have sex with men. However that doesn't mean it's only gay men who are HIV+ or that we can be complacent. Where we rate against the rest of the world in terms of seroprevalence is falling. What we're doing is working, precisely because we've used co-operation with community groups instead of coercion. Some of his statements are just pure incitement to hatred.

"Male homosexuals who are free of AIDS are taking every precaution not to be infected but I don't think the same can be said of male homosexuals who are HIV+." Complete drivle.

For HIV to spread, you need both the involvement of HIV- and HIV+ people and you don't need to be professor to work out that it takes two to tango. The statement is revealed for what it is - an attempt to scapegoat people with HIV and AIDS.

Further, there is absolutely no scientific or epidemiological evidence to substantiate this claim. The only evidence was produced in The Australian which attempted to use Hollowes' comments to generate another media round of AIDS-phobia.

They quoted figures of 70 people with HIV identified a month to indicate that HIV is still spreading. You don't have to be a doctor to know that many people may get tested years after they got infected. Now that there are good reasons to get tested, more people are doing so. So most of the 70 probably represent people who got infected years ago. The figure of 70 gives us no insight into what's happening with the spread of HIV right now because an antibody test does not test when people got infected but that they are infected.

From my experience of people with HIV (And I certainly have more than Professor Hollowes) the overwhelming motivator in behaviour is usually a desire not to spread HIV. The difficult problem is that there are still some people with HIV potentially spreading HIV. The problem with the Hollowes solution is that it makes people at risk of HIV less likely to get tested and people with HIV more likely to go underground. It's been tried - it doesn't work. Since Hollowes' comments we've seen the predictable bandwagon of people - including the Festival of Light and other homophobic loonies jumping on in support - with the predictable drivle. What nice bedfellows they are.

The gay community and people affected by HIV and AIDS already has one enemy called Fred. We don't need another one as hollow as the first.

The next course begins in early September. Membership to the AIDS Action Council is available and a good way to find out what is going on and what you can do. The AIDS Action Council is located at 13 Lonsdale St, Braddon and can be contacted on 257-2855.

LEARNING AND CHANGING: FINDING OUT ABOUT HIV AND AIDS.

by Alexandra Payne

In 1988 a friend and I decided to go to the AIDS Candlelight Memorial. We knew no-one who was HIV+ and had no links with any AIDS organisations, we just decided to go. That night I saw the immense loss, pain and grief among those who had in some way been affected by AIDS and yet I also found an overriding sense of strength and solidarity. We left that night absolutely moved, saddened and in some way, I thought, empowered. People with HIV or AIDS are not statistics, they are not deviants, criminals, perverts, dangers to society who deserve to be ostracised or quarantined. They should have the same rights as anyone else would expect, health care, legal rights, confidentiality, to not be discriminated against.

Over the next few years I learnt more about AIDS but I eventually realised that I didn't know enough. I was sick of the injustice, discrimination and ignorance surrounding HIV/AIDS and how could I hope to change that without first facing my own fears, prejudices and ignorance? I didn't know exactly where to go or where to begin. Then soon after I saw a small ad in the Canberra Times about a training course to become a volunteer

career run by the AIDS Action Council. This was what I had been looking for. The aim of the course was to enable those in it to care for the HIV+ clients of the AIDS Action Council. This can involve many things: friendship, support for the client and their family/friends, listening, honest conversation, practical assistance like cooking, cleaning, just being present if it is necessary to always have someone with the client.

I was very interested and so I decided to take part.

The training group was like nothing I had ever done before and what began as an uncomfortable group of thirteen diverse individuals from every walk of life became a very close group, a haven in which, every Thursday night, anything and everything could be discussed without judgement and with honesty. We had some truly hilarious times and others full of pain and grief. I learnt more about myself and more, also, about others.

After one weekend-long session that dealt with challenges and clarifying one's values towards sexuality, drugs, illness and death in relation to HIV, I felt that I needed to take two weeks off from the world to think about everything we had discussed and all the questions that had

been raised within me. It was a difficult and exhausting time but one which I wanted to and had to go through.

I learnt all about HIV/AIDS. The biology and transmission of it, opportunistic diseases, the progression from HIV to AIDS. This knowledge was what I needed, what everyone needs. It is the ignorance which creates the prejudice and discrimination.

We had sessions dealing with loss and grief, including coming to terms with your own, overall such a neglected subject in this society.

We spent two Saturdays learning and practising home-nursing so we would be able to care for a client's physical needs if necessary. We spent time on communication skills, working in groups - an important area, especially when you are part of a care-team.

It was over a year ago now that I did that course. I cannot imagine not having done it. Virtually everything I learnt there is now an integral part of my life.

Once you realise how much ignorance and injustice there is concerning HIV and AIDS, and how prejudiced and dangerous some people's ideas are, you have to do something, you have to change it, because we are all affected by AIDS.

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Of course you can !



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SAFE SEX ON CAMPUS

An interview by Jane Keany, the Campus AIDS Worker with gays on campus about safe sex. She finds they're comfortable with safe sex but are worried about their straight friends.

JK: You know, I talk to students in halls about safe sex, to students on bar nights, wherever I can find someone to talk to about safe sex, and they all say they're having safe sex. And I think great, all that education has been working - I can soon retire. But when I scratch the surface and ask for details, what they mostly say is that they THINK their steady partner (and steady can mean anything from three months to whenever) is uninfected by HIV.

When I talk specifically to gays on campus their awareness of the need to use condoms is high and they will talk in detail about their safe sex practices and the difficulties. They also worry about their straight friends - they live with them on campus, eat with them, study with them - they are friends. They don't think their straight friends wear condoms.

Gay student: How can I convince my straight mates that we all need to wear condoms. They reckon I roo around ... well, I won't deny that, but I use condoms every time. They're none of them saints and they never use condoms.

JK: I agree. And in a sense, the stats are on their side, the heterosexuals, I mean. In Australia, known infections of HIV in the het community are still remarkably low. Perhaps that's because we got into education early in the piece, it's hard to tell. What worries me is that the routes into the het community are not talked about and so our education programs won't necessarily reach those people.

Gay student: Roots? What roots?

JK: Ha ha. Just listen. For instance, men who see themselves as straight and from time to time, for one reason or another, have sex with a man. One student told me that during the O Week bar crawl, one of his friends got extremely pissed and ended up fucking his mate. He reckons they would never talk about it again. Just pretend it had never happened. And under the circumstances of drunkenness and denial, I don't expect condoms would have been easy to talk about or even to put on!

In a hall of residence, where there's plenty of sex happening, you only need that sort of unsafe sex to occur occasionally, with someone who is HIV positive or has some other std, for the virus to spread. Have you seen the cartoon on a Queensland Uni pamphlet?

Gay student: I like it. It's great. But what you're saying is you don't think safe sex messages reach people who don't fit easily into a box?

JK: Yeah, that's right. And it seems such a waste ... in ten years' time, all of you students will be reaping the benefits of your studies at uni. At the same time, some of you will discover that you are reaping the consequences of your unsafe fucking, which is happening right now.

Gay student: Mmmm, when you put it that way, it all seems pretty dumb. Just for the sake of a bit of latex rubber. I mean they'll still get their fuck and they'll look after their health as well. Why don't they do it?

JK: If you work that one out, would you tell them! Then let me know too!

BENETTON UNDER FIRE

By Mark Boyd

When the clothing company, Benetton, announced its latest "Communications Campaign" in New York on 13 February this year, the public relations department expected a lot of publicity.

Benetton's previous advertisement, featuring a newborn baby, created "an incredible debate worldwide about nudity, advertising artificiality, the taboos of birth, death and blood", explained Benetton's communications department.

But by the time Benetton's new campaign - a picture of David Kirby dying of AIDS in his father's arms - was announced in Europe, ACTUP London had already started its own campaign against "AIDS profiteering".

ACTUP London believes that the picture of David Kirby could be useful in the fight against

AIDS when accompanied by appropriate information", AIDS activist, John Campbell commented. The initial ACTUP campaign included a petition requesting the removal of the 'United Colours of Benetton' logo replacing it with a suitable statement about AIDS or a helpline phone number. Benetton refused, insisting that their corporate logo be the only symbol displayed on the picture: "Our pictures do not dictate a meaning and they could easily be distorted not to give a voice, a signature to these pictures. We believe that after years of Benetton communications against prejudice, it is quite obvious on which side we stand. This logo is also a statement towards this." There is no doubt that Benetton's latest advertisement follows the same formula of previous campaigns: a controversial image with the corporate logo on the page, followed by several press launches and conferences explaining behind the philosophy behind showing the particular image. ACTUP tried to arrange a meeting with Benetton at the press conference in London, but Benetton refused. Explaining the use of David Kirby photograph, Benetton's press conferences drew attention to "the numerous filters, institutionalised or public, awareness campaigns have to go through, and how this diminished the impact of the campaign".

If this was their aim, ACTUP has helped them achieve it. ACTUP has drawn attention to AIDS and safe sex education through its direct action against the company. Rather than accepting the image as another controversial campaign from Benetton, ACTUP announced that "they have plain and simply chosen AIDS as their next target with which to profiteer from". Following "mass disobedience" actions, when ACTUP protesters walked in to Benetton stores and threw clothes around, only to return when the shops were tidied to repeat the process, Benetton was giving four demands:

- * That the Benetton logo be withdrawn and replaced with a national AIDS helpline phone number.
- * That Benetton make a public apology for AIDS

profiteering.

* That Benetton donate 25 per cent of their world wide profits for 1992 to AIDS organisations.

* That Benetton fund a national safe sex and safe drug campaign in the UK.

By mid-March 20 000 people had signed the first petition and a boycott was being organised.

"ACTUP London are not opposed to the use of this photograph in an advertising campaign. We are also aware that the family featured willingly co-operated in this campaign. We are also not opposed to the use of controversial or distressing imagery in advertising", John Campbell said in explaining the boycott.

"But we feel that this advert has to be placed in the context of AIDS in the world today. AIDS has a public image of automatically equalling death. Benetton are capitalising on the distress and shock of putting death, and in particular, an AIDS death directly in the public eye. ACTUP London's complaint is that while putting AIDS in the public eye, Benetton is not prepared to allow this opportunity to be used to give out important information about AIDS. Benetton are clearly exploiting the death of the people with AIDS in order to sell their product. A product which many people with AIDS could not actually afford to buy."

Although both the boycott and the mass disobedience were successful, the most important part of the campaign was announced on March 27, with the release of a 'counter-advertisement'. This featured Benetton's original picture with the statement.



There's only one pullover this photograph should be used to sell.



SILENCE=DEATH. ACT UP.

An ad produced by ACTUP in response to the Benetton ad

"There's only one pullover this photograph should be used to sell" and a picture of a condom. The advertisement was displayed at bus shelters, in magazines and on the streets. The advertising company WCRS gave its support to ACTUP's campaign and began helping with production of the posters. ACTUP London reported that Benetton sales have dropped 20 per cent, three shops have closed and 27 staff have resigned. The Face magazine, one of the few British magazines to print Benetton's previous controversial ads has refused to publish the photograph, and the National Union of Students has affiliated with the boycott. The most successful part of ACTUP's actions has been the media coverage. British newspapers have, almost daily, covered the story in detail, from the mass disobedience campaign to the current advertisement. Benetton, who have long espoused producing controversial 'communication campaigns' as a way of raising public issues, have clearly helped ACTUP in its campaign - more so than they would have wanted. ACTUP - and other English AIDS organisations - however, should not ignore this opportunity to continue the public awareness campaign of AIDS and safe sex. Now that they have this opportunity, it only remains to be seen if they can extend it beyond a fight against one company's advertising strategies.

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How? Why? Where?

Because of the discrimination which still occurs for people with HIV/AIDS, and the implications of having a life threatening disease, it is important that if you are considering an HIV test, that you be given ample opportunity to think about what might happen in your life if you were to test HIV positive.

I am sure many of you reading this article who have been tested for HIV, have not been engaged in appropriate pre and post test counselling.

For a whole range of reasons, this sort of counselling often does not happen:

- * You may be tested without your knowledge eg. HIV testing may have been included in antenatal blood tests;
- * an HIV test may have been a requirement for entry into a drug rehabilitation program or carried out without consent in a prison;
- * you may have wanted to reassure yourself that 'everything is OK', so had a test to confirm that you were HIV negative;
- * the medical practice you attended might be busy and staff don't make the time to talk about the implications;
- * it's often easier for both staff and client, to skirt around such sensitive issues as your sexual practices and the possibility of a life threatening disease.

While nothing can ever really prepare a person for an HIV positive result, the opportunity to consider personal circumstances and reactions is vital. The following is an outline of the sorts of things that are important to consider for anyone thinking of having an HIV test:

What is an HIV Test?

An HIV test is a blood test that checks for antibodies to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV is the virus that can cause AIDS.

What does a positive result mean?

A positive test result means that you have been in contact with HIV. The test cannot tell how long the virus has been in your body, or whether you will go on to develop AIDS. It does mean that you may pass HIV onto other people through unprotected sex, donating organs or sperm, sharing syringes, and from mother to foetus.

What does a negative result mean?

A negative result means you have not been in contact with HIV, OR you have been in contact with HIV but have not yet developed enough antibodies to be detected by the test. This period is known as the 'window period'.

What is the window period?

The window period is the time it takes from when a person comes in contact with HIV to when the body has produced enough antibodies to be detected by a

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HAVING AN AIDS TEST?

blood test.

The length of time of the window period varies from person to person, anywhere from 2 weeks to 9 months, with the average being 3 months. For this reason, most testing centres recommend two tests at least 3 months apart to get a truly accurate result. The person also needs to practise safe sex and not share injecting equipment between tests.

A person can still pass on HIV during the window period (so even if they have a test in this time and it is negative, they can pass HIV on).

What do they do?

A sample of blood is taken (about 10mls). The sample is then sent to a laboratory where they do a test called an ELIZA test. If that result comes back positive, they then run it through another test (called the Western Blot) to confirm the result.

How long until I get the results?

The usual time from when you have the test until you get the result is 2 weeks. Many places organise for you to come back in person to get your result regardless of whether the result is positive or negative. Check this out where you are considering having a test.

The testing centre 'Official' testing places are often attached to hospitals or STD Clinics. Their services are free of charge. Normally these centres have their confidentiality procedures firmly in place. They should also provide pre and post test counselling. Names of private doctors who understand the importance of confidentiality, counselling, and support for people considering testing can be obtained from the AIDS Action Council. Some private doctors or pathologists may charge for a consultation or for collecting blood.

Even with this information, it is still important to ask questions. These could include:

- * Who will be told that a person is having an

HIV test?

- * Are test results kept confidential?
- * Can a false name be used?
- * Is there any charge for the test and if so, is the bill paid at the centre, or is it mailed out to the person's address?
- * If the test result is HIV positive, who will be informed?
- * Are results given out over the phone, or is it necessary to go back to the centre to get them? (As confidentiality around test results is very important, receiving the result in person is the only way to guarantee that only that person gets the result).

Will I am I thinking about having an HIV test?

It is important to look at what you are hoping to gain from having a test done. If it is 'peace of mind' from getting an HIV

negative test result, then you should consider what would happen if the result is HIV positive.

If it is pressure from others, for example a friend "I'm having a test, why don't you too", or a lover "Let's both have a test so we can stop using condoms", talk about what would happen if one or both were HIV positive.

Knowing whether or not you are HIV positive, could help you make changes to your health. Early diagnosis and treatment has proven effective in extending the life expectancy of HIV positive people. This is an important consideration for anyone having a test.

Will I tell anyone I am having an HIV test?

Anyone who is told that someone they know is having an HIV test will probably ask about the result. You need to think about who you want to know the result before you tell people about the test. Think about the implications:

- * Do their friends know anything about HIV/AIDS?
- * Will they tell anyone else?
- * What would their reaction be if the test result was HIV positive?
- * Could they be turned to for support if the result was HIV positive?
- * Would the relationship change at all if you were HIV positive? If so, would it be for better or worse?

What if the test is positive?

It can be difficult for you to imagine exactly how you might react at the time, but when having a test, it is important to consider that the result might be HIV positive.

- At the time of getting the test result
- * Do you think you could cope with an HIV positive result at the moment?
- * How would you feel hearing that your test result is HIV positive?
- * Are there people you can turn to for support?
- * Have you got somewhere to go where you would feel safe and not have to 'put on a brave face', for a while after you receive the result?
- * Is there someone where you are getting the test, who has time to talk and support you if the result is HIV positive?
- * Could you talk to another person who is HIV positive?

It is also important to think about the long term

- * How will being HIV positive affect your life?
- * Will you want to, or have to, make any changes to anything you do at present, for instance, your sex life, study, work, family etc.

What REALLY happens?

- * Do you know how not to infect other people?
- * What affect will it have on your relationships with people you are close to? What if your lover is HIV positive too? What if your lover is HIV negative? Will they want to stay with you?
- * Where will you get info about * Will you feel like just giving up?

If you are diagnosed as HIV positive, you may feel overwhelmed and uncertain about many things. It is important for you to have the time and support to get through the initial period in a way that's best for you. The AIDS Action Council is a good place to start finding the kind of support that is right for you.

What if the test is negative?

It is also important to think about how you would react if the test is negative. You may experience feelings of relief, guilt, or disbelief. A negative test result is not always a relief. You may feel guilty because your lover or friend is infected and you are not. You may not believe the result, especially if you have had unsafe sex or shared injecting equipment with

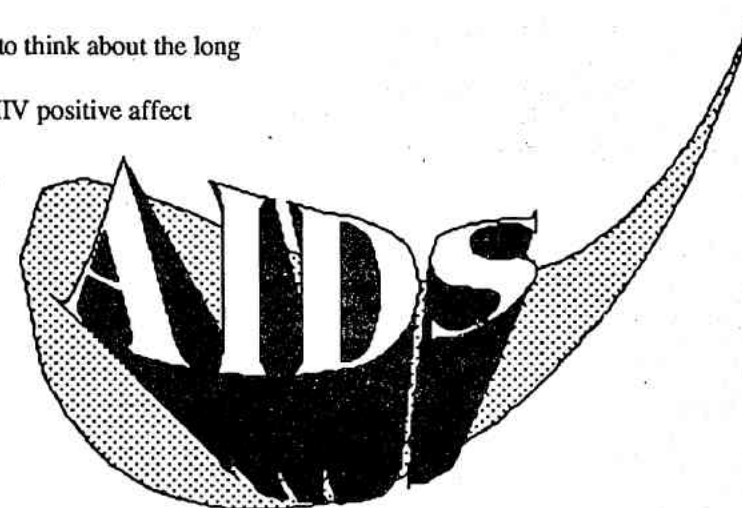
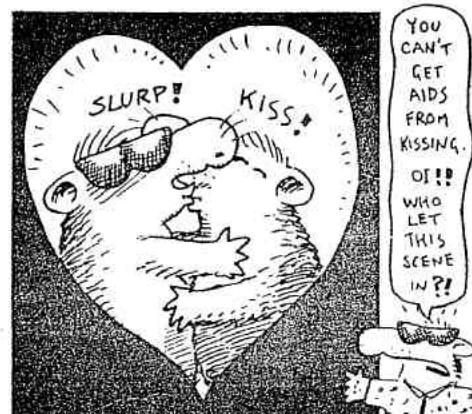
someone who has a positive test result. It is important to remember that a negative test result does not necessarily mean that you are free of HIV now (remember the window period), and certainly does not mean you have immunity to it for the future.

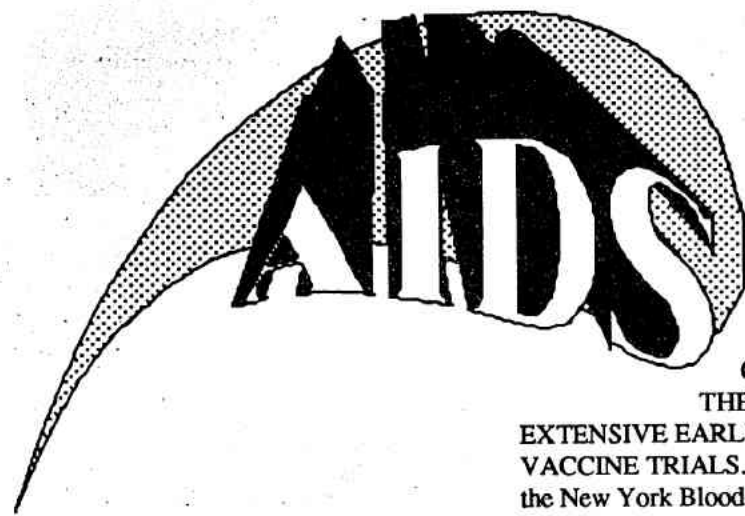
If you thought you could have been HIV positive, then you probably had taken some risks either in your sexual activities or injecting drug activities. Again, it may be useful to talk to someone at the AIDS Council to learn more about safe sex and safe injecting. Being able to do this on a long term basis might be difficult, but talking to people familiar with 'being human' can be helpful.

Remember, an HIV test does not protect you from HIV/AIDS. Only safe sex and not sharing needles will stop AIDS from spreading. how to keep yourself healthy?

- * Who will look after you if you get sick?

(taken from Information Exchange, a Commonwealth Government funded AIDS education project, produced in Canberra)





WHAT US "LITTLE

and Los Angeles,
THE THREE
CITIES THAT
CARRIED OUT
THE MOST

EXTENSIVE EARLY HEPATITIS B VACCINE TRIALS. Dr Cladd Stevens of the New York Blood Centre assembled 212 men out of the 1083 who had taken part in the Hepatitis B Vaccine trials and found 85 of them with AIDS.

On May 11 1987, Pearce Wright, accomplished science-editor of the London Times ran a front-page story with the headline:

"SMALLPOX VACCINE TRIGGERED AIDS VIRUS"

An outside consultant to the World Health Organisation had reported to the London Times that the WHO, having found a connection between their 13 year smallpox eradication programme in the third world until 1980, and the AIDS epidemic had engaged his firm to investigate. Which they did, and found "YES, YOUR SUSPICION IS CORRECT." BUT THE REPORT WAS BURIED BY THE WHO and so the consultant came to the London Times... HIS CREDENTIALS CANNOT BE DISMISSED... WE ARE NOT GIVING

HIS NAME BUT THE WHO KNOWS HE IS OUR SOURCE".

Pearce Wright wrote: "The smallpox vaccine theory would account for the position of each of the seven Central African States which

top the table of the most affected countries; why Brazil became the most affected Latin American country; and how Haiti became the route for the spread of AIDS to the US. Brazil was the only South American country covered in the eradication of smallpox campaign and has the highest incidence of AIDS in that region. Zaire had 33 million smallpox vaccinations, Zambia 19 million, Tanzania 14 million and so on ... Haiti had 14 000 citizens living in Central Africa, they had smallpox inoculations there and eventually returned home.

Dr Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute is quoted in the May 11 London Times article: "THERE IS INFORMED SPECULATION THAT THE SMALLPOX VACCINE COULD ALSO BE CONTAMINATED WITH OTHER HARMFUL VIRUSES ... FOR THIRTY YEARS VARIOUS DOCTORS HAVE CLAIMED THAT WE HAVE BEEN PLAYING WITH A TIME-BOMB CALLED VACCINES AND THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES TO POINT TO ... US AIDS RESEARCHERS IN THEIR LABS WILL SOON BEGIN TO WONDER IF THEY THEMSELVES ARE MERELY DUPES ... WORKING TO CORRECT WHAT ANOTHER PART OF THE MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT HAS WROUGHT IN ITS VACCINES... BUT THEY WILL KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT ... BECAUSE THEY ARE PAID TO DO SO."

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by the Nervous Science Student

World Health Organisation (WHO) advisor - Vaccines are made from: infected mucus, excrement, fermented embryos and until recently diseased monkey kidneys and cause: LEUKAEMIA, ENCEPHALITIS, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, and now are the explanation to AIDS.

Strong indications are surfacing that AIDS is not a single illness but an international operation, a business, a bureaucracy. That the disease is not caused by one but a variety of reasons, and that all BAR ONE, starvation, bear the same common denominator ... MASSIVE DRUG USE AND EXPOSURE TO CHEMICALS. However, by including the latter (starvation) not only is the resultant terror justified, but it gives the pharmaceutical opportunists (to whom AIDS is the greatest God-send of all time) and the pseudo-scientists unlimited power to flood civilisation with even further toxic preparations.

The latest World Health Organisation interpretation of a proper diagnosis of AIDS as indicated by Dr Piot and Dr Colebunders in "AIDS: a Global Perspective" (Western Journal of Medicine, 1987) says "THE ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT OF THE ABSENCE OF OTHER CAUSES OF IMMUNODEFICIENCY"... which claim Drs Piot and Colebunders means that it is no longer necessary to scrutinise the patient and see where their immune-compromised condition comes from ... "MEDICS CAN SIMPLY OVERLOOK A MULTITUDE OF MULTINATIONAL SINS AND SAY ... IT'S AIDS".

Following, I have tried to summarise as best I can an absolute wealth of information at hand. Please read on and please think about it and follow it up. This directly affects each and every one of us.

AIDS AND MASS VACCINATION PROGRAMMES
AIDS VICTIMS: GAY MEN WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR HEPATITIS B VACCINE TRIALS IN 1980.

In January 1983 Dr John Findbeiner writing in Medical World News warned that the Hepatitis B vaccine "MIGHT BE CONTAMINATED WITH A PATHOGEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AIDS EPIDEMIC".

A Los Angeles doctor, Alan Cantwell, confirms in his book "AIDS The Mystery and The Solution" that investigations revealed the first 26 cases of AIDS in the US were from New York, San Francisco

AIDS AND EXPOSURE TO PESTICIDE POISONING

For the first time in the history of the world every human being in now subject to contact with dangerous chemicals. From the moment of conception until death.

Regardless of age, circumstance or geographical position on this planet chemical residues are

present in the bodies of all earth's inhabitants. A scientific team from the US Public Health Service investigated a variety of restaurant and institutional meals finding EVERY MEAL CONTAINED DDT. They wrote: "FEW IF ANY FOOD CAN BE RELIED UPON TO BE ENTIRELY FREE OF DDT." DDT is lethal and sinister as it passes through all links of the food chain beginning as a dusting over crops and ending in milk and butter, and YOU!

Arsenic, the basic ingredient of pesticides is highly toxic. It is known to be cancer-forming yet whole populations are victims of arsenic-contaminated environments as sprays and dusts are showered indiscriminately in order to swell the dividends of those holding stock in chemical companies. Dr W Hueper of the US National Cancer Institute: "IT IS SCARCELY POSSIBLE TO HANDLE ARSENICALS WITH MORE UTTER DISREGARD OF THE GENERAL HEALTH THAN THAT WHICH HAS BEEN PRACTISED IN RECENT YEARS."

Phosvel, a pesticide outlawed in the US when marketed in Latin America turned its victims into zombies. All suffered what could be called AIDS symptoms. A Texas plant in 1976 (which manufactured Phosvel) had to close down because workers contracted ... loss of co-ordination, inability to work, talk or think clearly, malnutrition and wasting away ... TODAY CLASSIFIED AS 'AIDS'.

Parathion, a major killer among pesticides developed by Nazi scientists as a weapon in WWII is widely distributed in the Third World. IT IS SIXTY TIMES MORE TOXIC TO HUMANS THAN DDT. Parathion can kill simply by touching spray equipment. The amount used to spray a good-sized farm, could, says one authority "PROVIDE A LETHAL DOSE FOR FIVE TO TEN TIMES THE WHOLE WORLD'S POPULATION".

Chlordane, Heptachlor, Dieldrin, Aldrin, Endrin BHC and Lindane are just a few more of the other super-poisons which can lie dormant in human beings and flare up in periods of stress or malnutrition. Apart from death, they cause a multitude of symptoms, including convulsions, diarrhoea, fever, wasting away and malnutrition ... which can now be classified as 'AIDS'.

The much advertised Nutrasweet contains the chemical Aspartame described by H G Roberts, Director of the Palm Beach Institute of Medical Research, as being an "IMMINENT HEALTH HAZARD" - since it causes blindness, loss of memory, convulsions and Alzheimer's disease.

"WALK INTO ANY GROCERY STORE - ITS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A FOOD PRODUCT THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN ASPARTAME" (New Scientist 18 February

1988). "PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT IN EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA"

Published in 1983 by the US Agency for International Development claims that the definition of AIDS in Africa is now becoming SYNONYMOUS WITH STARVATION SYMPTOMS: chronic diarrhoea, fever, malnutrition and wasting away ...

AIDS AND STARVATION

In the Third World the classification of STARVATION as AIDS facilitates the substitution of harmful medical drugs for FOOD. John Rappoport in "AIDS INC - Scandal of the Century" gives evidence that in an insidious interconnection of interests between that chemical, pharmaceutical, agricultural, pesticide, war and vivisection industries, scientists have assembled a massive number of unrelated symptoms - chronic headache, diarrhoea, fever, drastic weight loss, malnutrition, paralysis and wasting away ... and called them AIDS.

"The commonest cause of T-cell immunodeficiency worldwide is protein-calorie malnutrition" (New England Journal of Medicine No 15 1984). "MALNOURISHMENT AND A GENERAL LACK OF MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTED TO DIARRHEA, TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER AFRICAN DISEASES THAT SIGNIFY AIDS" which he describes as "A RATHER VAGUE CLINICAL DEFINITION FOR A PANAPOLY OF CONDITION" (myron Essex, AIDS researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health, New Scientist 18 February 1988).

In Asian and African countries, poor nutritional status, increasing population densities combined with inadequate water and sanitation systems in areas sometimes ravaged by war and chemical weapons have resulted in a resurgence of highly infectious diarrhoea and water-borne diseases that could be called AIDS. Rappoport says that "Attributing such illnesses and misery to the HIV virus will accomplish only one thing ... A BOOM IN THE SALE OF PHARMACEUTICALS."

In addition these poor African states ONE MILLION INFANT DEATHS PER YEAR are connected to PHARMACEUTICAL BABY

...AIDS is not a single illness, but an international organisation...

...the definition of AIDS in Africa is now becoming synonymous with starvation symptoms...

...super poisons which can lie dormant in human beings and flare up in periods of stress...



PEOPLE" ARE NOT MEANT TO KNOW

FORMULAS sold by ABBOT, AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS, NESTLES and BRISTOL MYERS. These are just a few examples.

AIDS AND OVER-EXPOSURE TO "RECREATIONAL DRUGS"

In keeping brief I shall mention one example here. For ten years PharmChem Laboratories in California analysed samples of street drugs from all over the world. Amongst others they discovered a drug called MPPP, a synthetic substitute sold as heroin contains a byproduct called MPTP WHICH CAN CAUSE PARKINSON'S DISEASE FROM ONE INJECTION. The drug causes: Chronic headaches, diarrhoea, drastic weight-loss, unco-ordination and wasting away WHICH TODAY WOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS AIDS.

AIDS AND BIO-WARFARE (unidentified chemicals, gases, bio-agents etc)

Again just a few examples: In Vietnam from 1965 to 1969 the US Army polluted the country, with orthochlorobenzamalonitrile, a chemical more dangerous than dioxin, the highly toxic agent orange. Ex-prisoners of war suffered chronic diarrhoea, fever and wasting away ... BUT IT WAS NOT AT THAT TIME CALLED AIDS. Robert Lederer in his 1987 article "INCORRECT ACTION, INFORMATION BULLETIN NO 28 PRECEDENTS FOR AIDS" exposes the bio-warfare conducted in State Prisons by Dow Chemical Company ... and that the symptoms produced are: chronic diarrhoea, serious weight-loss and wasting away and that some advocates now tie these chemicals' immunosuppressive effects to AIDS. In 1965 the US Army performs 239 secret biological tests in which "biological agents" are spread over vastly populated areas - repeated in New York several times in 1968. In 1984, USSR states that US in a Brazilian deforestation

programme, killed 7000 Indians and caused thousands of birth defects through the use of chemical herbicides. In the Vietnam War seventh-day Adventists (serving as non-combatants) were exposed to airborne tularemia by military personal. In many cases bio-warfare casualties suffer: chronic diarrhoea, fever, dramatic weight-loss, and wasting away ... NOW CLASSIFIED AS AIDS SYPTOMS.

Obviously none of this self-inflicted drug damage can be cured by inducing disgusting diseases into healthy animals ... the practice of which is nothing more than an ALIBI (as pointed out in last issue) for producing even more lucrative poisons ... and for keeping the international vivisection industry and its prestigious entourage in business.

By March 1988, there were already over 80 different IDS drugs and 25 vaccines currently under development by rival drug companies. Wellcome's Retrovir claims to hold the 'virus' at bay although with risk of SERIOUS SIDE-EFFECTS. The In dependent UK wrote: "At a treatment cost of 4500 pounds sterling per patient each year, the arithmetic begins to look exciting ... by 1991 the drug could be contributing 750 million pounds sterling per year to Wellcome's sales and 250 million pounds sterling to profits." In fact what these drug companies try to achieve through animal experimentation is alleviation of SYMPTOMS of immunodeficiency and the CAUSE. This is tum leads to a multitude of side-effects and worsening of the patients condition - if AIDS does not kill them, then the drugs and vaccines will. It is stated in the New England Journal of Medicine 23 July 1981 that the AIDS drug "AZT (Zidovudine) is very, very destructive to healthy cells. A VERY DANGEROUS DRUG." Roy Widd, co-ordinator of WHO's Global Programme on AIDS, as reported in the New Scientist 18 February 1988 states "PHARMACOLOGICALLY VIRGIN PEOPLE WHO HAVE AIDS ARE SCARCE."

Now let us have a look at something else YOU WON'T BE TOLD ABOUT: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NON-MEDICAL (DRUG) THERAPIES such as NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTATION, CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINES, HOMEOPATHY, NATUROPATHY etc. Many of the symptoms associated with AIDS are due to malnutrition. Even if people

are eating a very good diet they often suffer multiple nutrient deficiencies due to serious problems with absorption of nutrients from the food they are eating. In fact, a lot of nervous disorders associated with AIDS can also be rectified with vitamin-B12 supplementation. Now just to mention a few brief trials: In one study of 29 people with HIV, only 2 without serious illness, ALL reported improvement in general well-being and quality of life after 6 months on a complete nutritional supplementation programme with Aloe Vera (a herb which improves stomach function). They ALL reported improvement in immune system functions and alleviation of symptoms. On average the entire group gained weight and the improvements started within a week.

Another study, done at Mutanbili Medical Centre in Tanzania, where the survival rate after three months was 7.5% (ie 93% or so were dead), supplementation with one nutrient, essential fatty acids, changed this survival figure to 100%. They were all alive.

At the beginning of a trial with Chinese herbal medicines (a system which is 4 - 5000 years old) seventeen out of twenty patients suffered chronic fatigue. At the end of three months this was down to two. Before this treatment every patient suffered swollen lymph glands. After three months this was down to three. Before the trial eleven people needed to use anti-biotics, after three months this was down to one.

A two year homeopathic trial of 19 seriously ill AIDS patients in Africa resulted in vast improvements in symptoms such as diarrhoea, weight-loss, pneumonia, fatigue and night sweats by more than 50%. Those who were not on the trial lost, on average, 48 pounds, whereas those who were on this trial gained, on average, six pounds.

These are just a few examples, for more information about these and more, please contact Jim at the AIDS Action Council. It is hardly surprising however to find that various economic and legal barriers have been put in the way of patients accessing these treatments. This is because there IS NO MONEY TO BE MADE OUT OF PREVENTATIVE AND NATURAL MEDICINES. It cannot be stressed how important it is for AIDS patients to use these therapies. Most will not ever know about them because their doctors either don't know about them or don't tell them.

It cannot be over-emphasised that many investigations are now claiming that CHEMICAL POLLUTION IS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE BATTERY OF HUMAN HEALTH PROBLEMS SWEEPED UNDER THE CARPET, AS 'AIDS' which conveniently facilitates the plunderers, poisoners

and profiteers to flood even more chemicals into us and onto our planet WHICH IS ALREADY SCREAMING 'ENOUGH'.

However, instead of barring the poisons the chemical companies INCREASED ANIMAL TESTING OF THE CHEMICALS ON RATS, DOGS, GIUNEA PIGS AND MICE.

Meanwhile, for years on end, chimpanzees are held in solitary sterile isolates (small tubular steel containers) where pseudo-scientists have unsuccessfully endeavoured to induce them, by way of radiation and the infliction of chemical toxins, with the AIDS 'virus'. So far no chimpanzees have developed AIDS, but many of these sociable and intelligent animals ARE BEING DRIVEN INSANE IN THEIR SOLITARY HELL-HOLES.

All over the world young men and women of the Animal Liberation Front (who have never injured or killed a single human being or animal) are languishing in jails under the label of fanatics, terrorists and violators, whilst pious, respected and affluent the real fanatics, terrorists and violators receive financial grants, accolades and even Nobel prizes for their contributions of DEATH, DAMAGE and DESTRUCTION, the extent of which now threatens the very existence of our planet and all its inhabitants.

WHO ARE THE VIOLATORS?

"It is enlightening", says John Rappoport "to realise how many diseases, infections and symptoms are being attributed to AIDS." It is equally enlightening to see that since VIVISECTION is the alibi used in production of the poisons, further vivisection far from healing the catastrophic results merely contributes more damage AND THAT OUR FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE ITS IMMEDIATE ABOLITION. Please join us in our fight: PEOPLE AGAINST VIVISECTION PO Box 23 Blacktown NSW 2148 Phone or Fax (02) 688 1443

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The Wounding Plough

By Chris Bishop

"I can remember the bright, white cleanness of the bulkhead - the military style toilet block at Boot-Camp. I can remember the blinding whiteness of it blurring my vision 'til it was like a dream. I can still smell the ammonia in the toilet bowl as I lay bent over it, my head pressed against the cold porcelain. Almost a dozen men were in orbit around me: khaki-pants down about their ankles; boots thudding on the tiles; their cocks erect; laughing; taunting; kissing me. Each of them took it in turns to hold my arms above my head, kiss me hard on the cheek, and ram their cock into my arse. I could feel their sticky semen, mixed with my own blood, dribble down my thighs. There was not quite a dozen of them because I made up the twelfth man of the platoon. I was the platoon queen... and this was their graduation present to me. After Boot-Camp we all went our separate ways. I don't know if I ever met any of them again. I can't remember anyone from Boot-Camp... names or faces... it's like I've just blanked it out."

This was not my own experience, but that of a former officer in another country's defence force. It does, however, represent a reality for as many as one in ten Australian men.

The story's not always the same... the scene changes, the faces change, the situation becomes slightly different... but the results are always quite similar; disfunctional lives dominated by feelings of guilt, hatred, self-loathing, incompetence and despair. It seems to them like there is no support in the community for what they have experienced and that people think of them as accomplices to the crime...

"You're a man! Why didn't you stop them? Wasn't there anything you could do?"

Male rape - the rape of men by men - is surprisingly common. No-one, I suppose, would be amazed to know that such rape occurs in our prisons. It might surprise you to know that for some prison "queens" this form of assault is not so much a daily occurrence as an hourly one. With four to six men locked in a tiny cell for anything up to eighteen hours a day, it's little wonder some of them are raped sixteen to twenty times

every day.

The defence forces are another great bastion of such behaviour. Founded on the principles of "Rum, Sodomy and the Lash" it comes as little surprise that the worst of those traditions are still being upheld by this modern generation of battle-field fodder. We've all become tastefully anaesthetised to the banner headlines of bastardisation that billow out from ADFA and Duntroon when the news seems a trifle slow - so anaesthetised that we never follow through enquires far enough to find out that such allegations routinely include incidents of male rape, torture and mutilation.

"Poofier-bashers" are also quite renowned in counselling circles for their tendencies to become male-rapists. The same extremity that drives them to channel their homophobia into sickening displays of cowardice and violence is usually a mask for their own sexual insecurities. The distinctions between violence and sexuality become blurred to translucency as the "poofier-bashers" become "poofier-rapists" and still walk away with their machismo (and presumably their heterosexuality) intact... perhaps.

Outside of all that are a panorama of "ordinary" men who rape men. Adults who rape children, fathers who rape sons, uncles who rape nephews, and, of course, men who just get pissed or pinned or stoned and rape anyone they can find - male or female.

It's not possible given the restrictions of a magazine article to even begin to address the problems and issues underlying this phenomenon... and that's not the purpose of this piece anyway. It is simply written to make you aware of a problem in our society and to let you know, if you are a man who has been raped, that you are not alone and that you do have people to turn to.

A support group for men who have been sexually assaulted or who are interested in issues revolving around male-rape meets every Wednesday at 3pm at Havelock House, just off-campus. If you'd like more information you can ring Woden Youth Centre on 282-3037 (ask for Jeremy Smith) or just show up to a meeting - everybody is welcome (and that means women who are involved as well).

Women's Space

WOMEN TALKING ABOUT SAFE SEX

* What I like best about safe sex is that it gives me a whole new lot of options. I can choose not to have sex at all, or to have lots of different kinds of sex. Its not just gentially-centred anymore. And even better, its ok to talk about it; we can actually communicate with each other about what we do and don't like; and learn new, fun, safe things together.

* I never knew how good finger fucking could be...

* Every guy I have talked to is just as worried as me. And lots of them don't know how to bring it up either. Having safe sex is normal now ...

* I don't like this assumption that every girl is just dying to get into bed with someone. I'm just not like that and I feel that HIV has made it a bit more Ok for women to say not only what kind of sex they want to have, but whether they want to have sex at all.

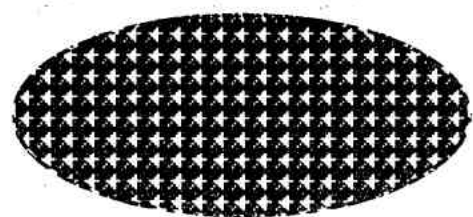
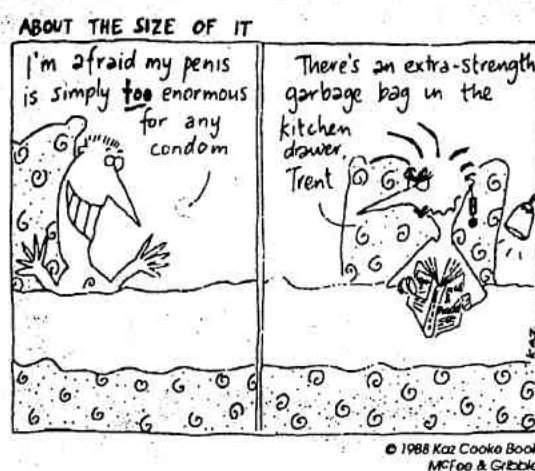
* If I hear that crap of 'I don't like condoms' or 'I'm not taking a shower in a raincoat' from one more guy I'll scream. What's more important? The comfort of their dicks? Or both our lives?

* I've never had sex and I find the whole idea really scary anyway. HIV has made it that much more worrying. Sometimes I wish I was around a few years earlier when all you had to worry about was pregnancy. But I guess that there's a lot of positive things about it too.

* What I want is a list of things I can say to a guy who doesn't want to use condoms. I can never think of what to say in the situation. And sometimes its really hard: either you're all heated up or you feel too self conscious or you really like him and you don't want to fuck it up or you're really angry and don't feel like talking about it, you just think he's a real dickhead. It's all very well to say "Just negotiate with your partner" and all those kinds of things. But what words do you use?

* I am really angry that lesbians keep being told to use dental dams while heterosexual men and women having oral sex aren't. It's like we must be diseased or something. Apart from that I think that safe sex is great.

From the S.I.C.H publication "talking about safe sex..."



Read All About It...

A FEW BOOKS IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WOMEN AND HIV/AIDS:

- * "Women and The AIDS Crisis" by Diane Richardson (Pandora, UK, 1989).
- * "Matters of Life and Death: Women Speak About AIDS" edited by Ines Rieder and Patricia Ruppelt (Virago, London, 1989).
- * "The Modern Girl's Guide To Safe Sex" By Kaz Cooke (Penguin, Australia, 1988).
- * "Women, AIDS and Activism" put out by ACTUP (Southend Press, New York, 1990).
- * "AIDS and Women: A Source Book" by S Watstein and R Laurich (Oryx Press, US, 1991).

POSITIVE

Hi, my name is Michèle, and I am an HIV positive woman living in Canberra.

I was diagnosed in 1985 by my local doctor. I laughed! I knew nothing about HIV, and neither did the doctor! From there to now, six years down the track, I still laugh and I know about HIV/AIDS now.

Is it possible that this virus that is supposed to kill me enhances my life? I am happy.

I love living, and that is what I am doing. Having HIV does not sadden me, it does not make me angry. It is simply a small part of who I am and why I am, a part that I have come to be very fond of.

Sure, sometimes I let down and I get angry but not with the virus itself, only with the discrimination and ignorance that attaches to it.

These days I am political.

Strong and sure of what I have to say, knowing the value of the things I do say. I work in the HIV/AIDS field and it's important that HIV Positive women are heard. Too often, they isolate themselves.

I don't wonder why any more: it's not easy being open about your HIV status (unless it's negative); even harder for women.

The support networks are not there but sadly, unless positive women do come out, they probably never will be.

The Lesbian Column

By Bridgit & Emma

*Hi for this week chookies. Well since this issue is on HIV and safe sex we thought we'd write a little about how lesbians do (or do not) fit into all this talk about condoms....

*Until recently it has been pretty hard for women to find information about safe sex in a woman to woman relationship. Most people vaguely dismiss us as being in a 'low risk group'. However, as much of the HIV/AIDS education material has shown it is not the group but rather the practices or activities that people engage in which do or do not put them at risk of contracting the HIV virus. In Canberra in the last few months some great pamphlets on lesbian safe sex have been produced to fill this gap, some from the Belconnen Youth Centre (we think) and one from the Aids Action Council, ACT, both of which we have used here (Thanks due). To quote; "lesbians often believe themselves

to be in a low risk group. This does not mean that lesbians are immune form HIV. For each of us keeping our risks to a minimum is dependent on what we do, not how we identify ourselves." So how do lesbians get HIV? Well there are all the familiar ways that you must (hopefully) know about by now ie:

- by injecting drugs with a used syringe
- through sex which allows infected semen, blood or vaginal fluids to enter the bloodstream
- through a blood transfusion prior to 1985

In relation to woman to woman sex most literature has not fully addressed the second point. So here is the missing information (none of which is exclusively relevant to lesbians, we might add):

- cover cuts, sores, grazes or broken skin on your hands and around your nails with band aids or latex gloves
- oral sex can be risky if the person doing it has cuts or sores in or around the mouth (eg. cold sores or bleeding gums). This is because there is a risk of transmission from infected vaginal secretions or from infected blood, menstrual or otherwise. Always use a dental dam (see below).

-if sharing sex toys (eg. dildos, vibrators, bananas or whatever) cover them with a new condom after each use

-if you happen to be into practices which involve inserting large items into the vagina or anus (such as fisting) be careful. Always use a condom or latex gloves and lots of water based lubricant.

*O.K, now a word about those elusive little creatures...dental dams! These were originally designed for use by (surprise surprise) dentists. They are squares of latex rubber which now come in all colours and flavours (none are all that appetising mostly being variations on the theme 'bubble gum'). Now what on earth do you do with these?

-first wash the dam to remove the talcum powder and pat it dry

-hold it by the edges and spread it over the entire vaginal area or anus of your partner (applying water based lubricant between your partners body and the dam improves the sensation)

-LICK, NUZZLE, SUCK (but not too hard you might swallow the dam!)

-never share or re-use dams. Make sure the dam stays the same way round by marking with pen the side you are licking.

-experiment, play around, have fun!

You can get dental dams from the AIDS Bus or the Women's Room.

*NB. if you prefer, cut one of those other rubber creatures, (we think they are called "condoms") length ways and spread into a rectangle. Apparently unlubricated ones taste best.

*OK enough sexy stuff. Here are a couple of notes.

-Queer Collaborations (a network of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual tertiary students) is organising its annual conference. The provisional date is the weekend of August 22-23. Held at the Uni of NSW. Ideas for workshops or planning the conference or general information from Queer Collaborations, c/o Lesbian and Gay Officers, Sydney University SRC, Level 1, Wentworth Building, Uni of Sydney, 2006. Also write to this address if you would like their free newsletters/magazines.

-NOWSA (Network of Women Students Australia) conference is in Adelaide 6-10 July. Four days of discussion on education, health, reproduction and sexuality. Details from the women's room.

*Cheerio for this week. Hugs, Bridge and

POLITICS ZONE

Look to the left

by Lyndon Coppin

By this stage of the year, it should be clear to regular readers of *Woroni* that there are two, or perhaps three, major political forces on campus. Occupying the heights (the treetops?) of SA politics, you have the Greens: keen, young reformers who have sometimes—but increasingly less often—suffered from insufficient organisation. Wandering around somewhere, not so much in the middle as simply off on their own, you have the editors of *Woroni*. Concerned mainly with lifestyle and gender politics, the editors provoke a fair bit of controversy but otherwise don't do any great harm. Then, tucked away in the mysterious offices of the Union, you have the ANU Liberals. Marketing themselves under a variety of brand names (BMT/BOT/BONK—this summer's fashion has yet to appear on stage), the Liberals' apparent major aim in life is to sell the University to off-shore investors. Before they do that, they hope to regain control of the SA at this year's elections (you get a much better price if you can sell the whole package in one lot).

Most readers of *Woroni* will have identified all these groups, and the leading individuals within them, from their writings in *Woroni*. Certainly, readers will have been unable to miss the Liberals who, at various times of the year, seem under one alias or another to have written almost all of the political pages in *Woroni* (for reasons which have never been explained the Greens tend to write far less: possibly it's to do with saving trees, possibly they're above this sort of thing [little pun there—treetops, above. Sorry]).

What the Liberal's regular columns won't tell you, however, is anything about their own position. In particular, the Liberals who've been so eager to share their wisdom have been noticeably silent about explaining their own background in student politics.

This is perhaps a great shame, because if wisdom is commensurate with age and experience, then the Liberals have very strong claims to be the cleverest people on campus. With that in mind, let's take a quick look at the campus Liberal Club's leading lights.

Let's start with Jeremy Mitchell. Last year Mr Mitchell achieved the heady honour of being the Liberal's candidate for SA President. Despite scoring a disappointing 27% of the primary vote, Mr Mitchell continues to make a highly productive contribution to campus politics. Last issue he started an informative new *Woroni* column, 'The Right View'. Amongst other achievements, this column features a public update on David Tonuri's sex life, which Mr Mitchell promised will "be a regular spot in this column." Having been so sadly defeated in last year's election, it's marvellous to see that Mr Mitchell's interest in campus politics wasn't motivated just by his desire for office (I think we can assume that the Libs won't run him again). Given the content of his recent writings, clearly only a terrible cynic would suggest he's got nothing more to give.

Another Liberal who's 'got the right stuff' is David Wawn. After spending five years working in the ANU Liberal Club (and sometimes attending lectures), last year Mr Wawn was the SA Treasurer. Students who were here last year will recall the acclamation with which Mr Wawn's financial policies were greeted; those policies involved investing hundreds of thousands of dollars of students' funds in corporate bonds for a total period of five years. Despite having those plans torn up by an emergency meeting of four hundred students and having his party thrown out of office, Mr Wawn is obviously doing the honourable thing—by continuing to write for *Woroni*, he's showing that he put his mouth where our money was and, by golly, he's prepared to stay on campus for another five years.

I would comment upon Mr Fix-it, Steve Byron, but I'm advised that it is unwise to write anything about Mr Byron on a day with a 'd' in it. That's 'd' for defamation suit, of course.

Finally, let's turn to Jon Coroneos. By now Jon's a campus institution: he's been on campus longer than several of the buildings. Once very popular amongst certain sporting clubs, Jon was President of the SA in 1990. This experience with the inner workings of the SA and, of course, the complex University bureaucracy has equipped him to be a dangerously effective critic of the Greens. For example, earlier this year, he was extremely vocal in criticising the Greens for not having unbleached tea bags in the SA office. Older students report to me that Mr Coroneos displayed 'remarkable' analytic powers during his term in office.

Given this depth of experience, the Libs clearly *are* qualified to regain control of the SA. But the question is, will they die of old age first?

From the Burrow

Featuring The Wombat
(and we all know who that is, don't we?)



Money Does Grow On Trees

Green Alliance know that if they piss off the top clubs they'll be heave-hoed out of office. So they're doing their best to suck up to the clubs by throwing money at them. For instance, the Law Society currently has over \$7,000 in the bank. But without questioning why they need even more money, the C & S Committee just gave them \$2,100 more! And what was the money supposedly for? Well, they got a fridge for \$1,400. Why do they get a fridge but no other club does? Coz they're the best, remember! Under the same criteria, the club got a stereo system and office renovations as well.

They also got \$171.80 for football equipment for the Justice Cup, a touch footie comp. This may seem fair but consider this: Teams were charged \$20.00 to go in and there are roughly 16 teams in the comp. So they've already made \$320 from the Cup. Why then can't they pay for football equipment from these entry fees? The Society seem to exist purely for the purpose of sucking money out of students.

What makes the above grant ironic is that the Law Society has owed \$2,000 to the SA for over 6 months! But instead of taking action to recover this debt, the SA gives them more money. What a farce!

Bowlman's Holiday

While we all froze our butts off in Canberra, the Bowlman (our Law Society president) took a quick trip to Surfers Paradise for a highly important Australasian Law Students Association meeting. He took along a sidekick as well - the official ALSA representative.

And who paid for it? Well, the report in the LawSoc newsletter, *Peppercorn*, talked about how they frolicked on the beach and built sand castles but didn't own up to who paid for the trip. Could it have been you, freezing students? Maybe you all should run for Law Society president.

Also, what's the point of having an ALSA rep if the president's got to go to meetings as well? I suppose when it's at Surfers, you've got to have someone to rub on your sun lotion.

Buttocks - Art or Porn

Sexism is certainly in the eye of the beholder. In the O week *Woroni*, we had naked female buttocks covered over for being sexist. But in the April issue, naked male buttocks were there for all to see. Another fine example of consistency from Ms Goebbels, our friendly, neighbourhood censor. It seems that gay sex is to be celebrated but heterosexuality is to be repressed.

She Still Cummins Round the Mountain When She Comes

You thought that debate on the Midday Show between Bruce Ruxton and Ron Casey got out of hand - you ain't seen nothin' yet! Coz the debate in the Debating Society about debates is debatably the destructive debacle of the decade.

It all started over selection trials for the World Intervarsity. Since this is an overseas trip fully funded by the normal students who have to scrimp and save to get to Batemans Bay, competition is pretty intense. The Intervarsity Officer organised a selection panel and a date for the trials. But then Vice President (and aspiring SA President), Kath Cummins, overruled her and ordered a new panel and a new date.

And the shit started to fly. At a special Committee meeting on 12 May, method, manner and matter were thrown out the window, to be replaced by cheap shots, expletives and some old-fashioned brawling.

Out of all this, Kath and Tim Hughes, "Treasurer", resigned. In the middle of all this, Mr Nice Guy, Simon Brettell, was trying to hose everyone down. He has written to all his members, explaining the matter as follows:

"[Kath & Tim] believe it is inappropriate to hold elected positions whilst we need to clarify what the appropriate action for making and consulting on decisions is for Committee members. As a Society, we must assess what mandate for leadership and decision-making Executive members do have."

If you translate this out of Brettellese, what you get is Kath and Tim want all the power, but so do the Committee. It's the English Civil War all over again - the Pointy Heads versus Queen Kath. Lets hope we see some heads on poles soon.

The Flea on Baldwin's Bum

Amanda spends her time organising the big, important things. Like the "National Day of Inaction". Despite there being posters all over campus, 50 people attended the big march on Baldwin. What a waste of time!

Why doesn't Amanda campaign on issues that really matter to students. For instance, last year's anti-amalgamation rally got over 1,000 people. Why not something like that against overcrowding? Maybe stopping overcrowding doesn't fit into her ideological agenda?

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The Campus Bitch

The Bitch would like to ask for a moments silence in recognition of the passing of the great maate Graham Richardson.

OK, that's enough.

Rapes and other attacks on campus are finally being noticed by the student politicians, who have immediately reacted by blaming each other for the (age-old) problem and proceeded to sling mud with much vigour. For Christs' sake, this is real life, not politics. The idea is the defeat of the problem, not of each other— or are student politicians members of the "couldn't give a flying fuck" club too (see last issue's editorial the second?). When in doubt take the us-and-them approach.

The Bitch would dearly love to have a go at SAS— but they appear to have shrivelled up and died. Kindly raise your heads children, so the Bitch can kick them. If the Liberals pathetic actions make them easy targets, so SAS's inactivity makes them almost invulnerable.

Despite threats, Woroni has not yet been banned. The Bitch was hoping that her depiction of a bottom would be enough to push the insular crowd of Daley Rd homophobes over the edge. For heavens sake, what is it going to take?

Last week's (gasp!) quorate General Meeting was the usual circus the Liberals like to engineer. Things like "the motion to move the motion that the motion amending the amendment to the motion be put" were said in all seriousness. Something got done and the Liberals left in retaliation (to cheers).

What affliction besets Naomi Knight that she not only uses words like "angst" inappropriately but also is compelled to fondle every male in the room? Holding hands, cuddling, resting her head on their shoulder— er, it's enough to make you sick. Is this the start of a female Dave Tonuri?

Speaking of Dave "I haven't read it, but I know it's defamatory" Tonuri, the man himself was again reported in a compromising position with the same blow-up sheep.

Why aren't words like "Tonuri" and "fuckwit" on the Woroni spellchecker, that's what I'd like to know? Really [redacted] So there.

Not only that, to cap last weeks Vietnamese refugee poem, Dave submitted another small masterpiece, enigmatically entitled "Keep The Flag" with lines like:

*The flag bears the stars that blaze at night
In our Southern sky of blue
And a little old flag in the corner
That's part of our heritage too.*

Poetry. And from a Liberal. Who says they're uncreative, boorish slob? It wasn't me! I'm sure it wasn't!

The holding of a National Day Of Action proved to be another embarrassment. Optimists had attendance at 50. The figure the Bitch heard was 14, and that was from an organiser. Some day of action. You'd think they'd learn. Query: does Amanda collect her pay as SA prez for the time she spends larking about with banners?

Having introduced a new term to the campus lexicon (PCI) the Bitch would like to inaugurate the use of another, for PCI's of unusual stature: the Grand Old Dudes/Dudette, Or GOD. The first inductee to the hall of the GODS? Phillip Halton, your time has come.

The Debating Society have lost a couple of (potential) grand old dudes with the resignation of (Vice President) Kath Cummins, who continues to insist that she has no intention of running for SA President, and (Treasurer) Tim Hughes. Messrs. Byron, Coroncos and Tonuri, for whom the acronym GOB is more appropriate, were on the voting paper for every position left vacant by those two resignations and one other, and got, between them, not a single vote. Last year when the Debating Society was holding its annual elections the same indispensable triumvirate nominated for every position, including Women's Officer. The speech for that office, care of Jon Coroncos, has since passed into legend. It went along the lines of: "I love women and my Dad's a gynaecologist". Jon, honey, you deserve a GOB.

The five MHMOC (Most Hated Men On Campus— acronyms are a lot of fun, aren't they?) who are prone to chorussing "we're all individuals" in harmony, tried to prove it at the General Meeting by wasting even more time than usual amending each others motions. The height of absurdity was reached when they tried to lodge a petition on an unrelated subject as proxy votes for an adjournment. And what was that about "we nobbled Senti" Steve? Surely you don't mean it?

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"The Unholy Trinity of Self Interest" — A REPLY FROM THE ANU DEBATING SOCIETY

In his recent articles in *Woroni*, particularly the exposition called "An Unholy Trinity of Self Interest" which was published in Issue #5, Stephen Byron has presented his opinions as to how and why the funding of clubs and societies such as the ANU Debating Society, the ANU Law Society and AIESEC (ANU) should be criticised. As with any set of facts and especially figures, people will interpret them to suit what they wish to say or in the way that reflects their opinion. Stephen has done this in his articles and presents what *he believes* are the facts about this funding and what *he believes* are the facts about the clubs/societies that are the beneficiaries. I would like to address some of the comments made by Mr Byron and present not a set of opinionated assumptions but a series of truths and a more accurate picture. At this point in time, I won't make any comment about the equally legitimate Law Society or AIESEC (ANU) because it is inappropriate for me to do so especially when I have not taken the opportunity to gain a better and more accurate knowledge of the facts from either the Law Society perspective or the AIESEC perspective.

Tuesday, 3 September, 1991 saw a General Meeting of the ANU Students' Association attended by some 400 - 500 interested students and members of clubs and societies. Thirteen ANU clubs and societies presented a motion to claim an amount of approximately \$52,000.00 from a surplus or unallocated reserve that had built up within the Students' Association over a period of two years. This surplus has developed from the Students' Association administration wanting to reduce its operating costs and more effectively spend money on activities. Whilst such a policy is admirable, there were two fronts of concern and criticism. The first was that funding for clubs and societies was being restricted which was affecting the ability of clubs and societies to fund their activities. The second cause for concern and as such a rationale for proposing the funding motion for \$52,000.00 was that it was deemed wrong for the Students' Association to be developing a reserve or surplus of student funds. The clubs and societies moved to claim a proportion of these surplus funds so as to use student resources and monies for its members and students at large. In short, students who had paid money to the Students' Association through the General Services Fee (GSF) should gain direct benefit from such money paid and one of the best ways that this benefit could be achieved is through being involved in the activities of clubs, societies and extra-curricular groups.

Mr Byron has chosen to interpret the facts about how much money the Debating Society gained last year as totally disproportionate to the funding granted to the vast majority of other ANU clubs/societies. I cannot and won't deny that the

Debating Society gains a large percentage of monies made available for clubs and societies by the Students' Association but I can certainly indicate that the grants to the Debating Society do not override or disallow other clubs/societies to gain funds. We all have to appreciate that clubs no matter how large or small have different funding requirements. There are many clubs who do not have a need for funds or at least only require a small amount of funding because the nature of that group does not demand great resources. Other clubs do need some resources to manage their activities and provide a service for their members. The Debating Society, in order to operate the large range of activities that it does both on and off campus, relies on a greater proportion of funding. The Debating Society wants to show a commitment towards its members and in doing so, wants to ensure that with its regular activities, it can provide for all of the members that take part, without there being a significant financial impediment to those students participating in such activities. We do not want to discriminate against any member or any student being involved, particularly on the basis of the financial cost of being involved. That is not to say that Debating Society members do not pay for anything — our activities often involve members paying a cost for the event with a subsidy from the Debating Society. The cost that members pay would ensure that it is reasonable and equitable for everyone to take part. One of the large costs that the Debating Society has is sending debating representatives to intervarsity debating competitions. The Debating Society has competed with considerable success at national and international debating tournaments in recent years. Because of the high cost of attending such tournaments, we again want to ensure that we can assist — we always encourage as many members to stand for selection for these teams as possible. If we can show that we will assist with the costs of attending such tournaments, a financial impediment against attending does not exist and as such, more of our members will be encouraged to stand for selection to debate at these intervarsities. The Debating Society covers the cost of registration (which includes accommodation) and for the most part covers the cost of transportation to these tournaments, and this is not dissimilar to what other student groups at the ANU do in terms of assisting to send delegates to conferences. Of course, when we talk about international intervarsity debating competitions, the costs of travel and registration are greater — yes, it is true that of the \$10,601.00 granted to the Debating Society in 1991, \$5,000.00 contributed towards the costs of sending four debaters and one adjudicator to the World Intersvarsity Debating Championships (Dublin) and the

Invitational International Challenge (University of Edinburgh) during January. The success that the ANU representatives achieved at these international tournaments was outstanding and most of you will have read or heard of that success. We would hope that as ANU students, you are proud of this non-academic achievement that YOUR university has attained. In terms of the *resources* of the Debating Society, there is much less of a concentration on raising funds for the World Intersvarsity or any other intervarsity debating competition given the amount of time spent by Committee members and others in organising other events and members' activities. Put simply, most of the time that people contribute towards the Society is in organising events and functions that are held on campus for members of the Society and students generally. Secondly, we are very conscious of the fact that we need to reduce the emphasis on Students' Association funding, particularly for something such as the World Intersvarsity Debating Championships (it being such a large expense). In order to run and expand activities of the ANU Debating Society, we work towards gaining corporate sponsorship (from outside the university). Money that we have been granted through sponsorship ensures that we can restrict our university funding needs whilst ensuring our activities continue. Of equal importance is the fact that the ANU Debating Society, through promoting its diverse activity on campus and off campus is showing the public and the business sector the significance and legitimacy of extra-curricular or cultural or non-academic spheres of the ANU. In other words, we as a Society are (in our own marginal way) expressing the value of non-academic life at university. I mentioned earlier that a significant element of this exchange of opinions and presentation of information between the Debating Society and those that have chosen to criticise it is that we have to be constructive. It would achieve little if I simply abused Stephen Byron for what he has said in his *Woroni* articles; to be more constructive, I again emphasize that if people have genuine concerns about the nature of the Debating Society or the ways it conducts its activities, then people should not hesitate to criticise constructively and speak to Society representatives. Stephen suggested in his article that the Debating Society served the people 'in the know' alone and that there was an elite who went to all of the intervarsities and that all of the other members of the Debating Society were not really involved and were not encouraged to participate and contribute to the Debating Society and its activities. Stephen Byron is a member of the Debating Society and has always been encouraged to take part in our activities,

as with any other member of the Society. He always receives our news journal *Interlunket* (which since O-Week has been published once every three weeks on average) as with every other member of the Debating Society which not only allows him to know what activities are planned and how you can become involved in them, but also there is always an opportunity for Stephen (as with any other member of the Society) to contribute his thoughts or opinions or articles on any issue or any topic to *Interlunket*. We, as a Society have worked very hard through our activities to remove ourselves from a perception of elitism or serving only those people that form the executive or the committee. The Committee representatives were very frustrated by Stephen's comments particularly when he has made little effort to become involved in the Debating Society and its activities himself and particularly when he did not at any stage approach any of the Committee to discuss such concerns. Above all else, I can vouch for the fact that Committee members contribute much time and effort to organise our activities and that they always want to involve members at large in the activity and are always happy to have interested members assisting them with the organisation of such activities. I also know that members of the Committee are always on hand to speak to all members of the Society and assist with their enquiries or concerns or simply to get to know *more members* of the Debating Society better.

For example aside from what our regulations state, the five members of the Debating Society who went to the recent international debating competitions are either taking part in our weekly debating competition or have been and will continue to be involved by presenting debating and adjudication seminars. An equally important point to make is that all five debating representatives have worked as members of the Committee or are presently working on the Committee or assist the Committee with its work in organising activities for Debating Society members and students at large. To suggest that

"... members of this team have almost no involvement with the Society, all they do is take the money" is untrue. This year sees the Debating Society having its Selection Debates for the 1993 World Intersvarsity much earlier than normally (held on Saturday, 16 May) so that the selected representatives have sufficient time to do much of the fund-raising and sponsorship-seeking to attend the competition themselves.

The best way that the Debating Society and any other organisation can improve or enhance its involvements on the ANU campus is to be constructive. To be destructive achieves very little. The Debating Society cannot transform your opinions or the way you think and it never would want to, but we can present what is factual and accurate so that you can shape your own opinions and determine for yourself what your feelings and thought are.

SIMON BRETTELL
President, 1992 — ANU Debating Society

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Clubs & Societies Committee Report

By Kath Cummins

This year is shaping up to be an exciting one for campus activities. New clubs are affiliating all the time and the ANU Students' Association has lent its support to many club events.

Two newly affiliated clubs with environmental emphasis are the ANU Ecological Exchange, and ECOS - Ecologically concerned organisation of Students.

\$300.00 was granted by C&S to allow ECOS to pay public liability insurance for a public meeting to be held in Civic for World Environment Day, and \$1600.00 was granted to the ANU Ecological Exchange as partial reimbursement for the cost of a seminar tour of European Universities.

Other newly affiliated clubs are: ANU English Literature Society, who were granted \$2000.00 to produce their publication.

ANU Business Students, and the ANU Taxation Society have been formed with an interest in the Australian Economy and entrepreneurial activities. The Clubs and Societies Committee has paid half of the affiliation fee for the ANU Business Students to participate in the "1992 Australian Financial Review Management Competition" (\$550.00.) C&S also gave out a loan of \$500.00 to cover their start up costs. Good luck to them in their quest to win the \$20,000 in prize money!

The Overseas Christian Association, and Faith in Action are two new Christian groups on campus who have affiliated. Meanwhile, another Christian group, Students for Christ, have received from C&S a \$350.00 grant to cover some of the costs of sending delegates to their State Conference in Sydney. The ANU Debating Society is off to defend their National Title at the

Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships being held at Sydney University in July.

They received a grant for \$2500.00 to send 3 competition teams, 1 novice team and four adjudicators. CADS - The Campus Amateur Dramatic Society is putting on its first major full length production with a season of two weeks, at the ANU Arts Centre in September. Auditions for the 20 or so parts will be in August so all you budding performers, stage hands etc, keep your eyes peeled for notices.

The ANU Students Association will be supporting CADS by paying for the hire of the Arts Centre for the first week of the season. The C&S Committee also gave CADS a loan of \$1400.00 for advertising, sets, costumes and other start-up costs.

Other affiliations include the International Diners Organisation (one wonders if you get a Diner's Club card on attaining membership!)

Other grants to date are: \$320.00 to Women On Campus to send delegates to the NOWSA Conference, \$255.00 to cover the Printing of the Alternative Science Handbook, \$2143.78 to reimburse the Law Society for the purchase of a fridge, stereo and footballs for "friday frolics". It should be noted that capital equipment purchased through the C&S Committee is available, on request for all affiliated clubs to use. We are at present getting quotes for the purchase of a PA System for use by clubs and the SA for Bush Week and other events.

The Clubs & Societies Committee meets every Thursday at 11am in the SA Offices, and all are welcome.



ANU DEBATING SOCIETY

Results of Selection Debates for the 1992 Australasian Intervarsity (held on Saturday 23 May on the Union Bridge)

TEAM 1:

1. Daniel Mulino
2. Simon Banks
3. Cath Cummins

TEAM 2:

1. Janina Jankowski
2. Tim Hughes
3. Herman Pintos-Lopez

TEAM 3:

1. Will De Vere
2. Declan Roche
3. Jane Garret

RESERVES:

1. Kirsten Edwards
2. Brendan Ding
3. Simon Brettel

TEAM 4 - NOVICE TEAM:

1. Brendan Ding
2. Gloria Wong
3. James O'Leary

RESERVES FOR TEAM 4 - NOVICE TEAM:

1. Matthew Sag
2. Victoria Sweetman
3. Matthew Rimmer

Congratulations to all those who stood for selection. In particular we wish our selected teams the very best of luck.

Thankyou to our selectors, CHRIS ERSKINE, RICHARD DOUGLAS and DAMIEN O'DONOVAN for their time and efforts. Thankyou also to JULIE CARRINGTON (our Intervarsity officer) for her work and efforts in organising the selections.

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Amnesty International

Amnesty International (AI) is a world wide organisation working to protect human rights. AI's mandate encompasses three main goals:

- * The release of "prisoners of conscience", men, women and children imprisoned for their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion, provided they have not used or advocated violence.
- * Fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners.
- * An end to torture and executions in all cases.

The ANU group of Amnesty International is mainly involved in letter-writing - responding to the urgent actions that we are sent from head-office. We are involved

in fund-raising both for our own group and for our 'parent' group which is based in the Griffin Centre, Civic.

COMING EVENTS:

- * Rock for Rights, May 30. The Workers' Club. A fund-raising concert. \$4 concession.
- * ANU group's raffle. Tickets on sale June 3rd in the Refectory. Prizes include ALCOHOL, RECORD VOUCHERS, DINNER FOR TWO and much more.

FINALLY:

To suit more people, we have changed our meeting time and place to The Bridge, Wednesdays, 1pm. You are all welcome and encouraged to come and get involved.

P.S. Gordon is our mascot.

Letters

Anally Fixated Woroni

Dear Paul,

I was not aware that a pledge to be anally fixated appeared anywhere in your election manifesto last year. Although your support for minority groups is commendable, your indifference toward the rest of us is annoying. There are issues on this campus other than condoms and arse-fucking that need to be addressed, things like; student housing, The Chapman Report, student rebellion in Thailand, the future of higher education under a coalition government, the Earth Summit in Rio, censorship and media ownership, etc etc. By focusing too much on minority issues you have managed to alienate some of your readership and simply bore the rest.

MATTHEW SAG.

Soft Porn

Dear Editor,
The 'Soft Porn' Campaign
The Canberra Times devoted two articles to this subject in its issue of the 24th May. A page 1 article reported a meeting the previous day, organised by feminist Roe Redmond, and noted that several representatives of the Australian Federation for the Family attended. The article goes on to say that "at times the federation members took over the meeting, providing much of the arguments against pornography. The federation will also provide much of the logistical support needed by the group to lobby politicians and prepare the pamphlets to be letter boxed". A page two article by, Maureen Tully, speaking for this Federation, explained, "We are backing legislation, called Project Choice, to provide the people of Canberra with the choice of whether to be confronted with pornography in the public places of our city." What was not stated, is that the Australian Federation for the Family is a Christian Fundamentalist organisation associated with the American fundamentalist Mr Jack Sonnemann. Who, I am told, leaves Fred Nile in the shade. Project Choice is the introduction of an Act of Parliament to all State and Territory parliaments in Australia. I understand that it was introduced into the Western Australian parliament by Mr Fred Tubby, who is connected with an American fundamentalist named Sonnemann. In a letter to Mr Sonnemann dated 2/3/90, Mr Tubby stated that he hoped to "push" the bill through his party. The bill defines as "indecent" any magazine, book, photograph,

drawing or representation, videotape etc., which depicts or even describes "sexually explicit nudity or sexual conduct in a way that is generally regarded as unsuitable for children" (these expressions are not further defined). Any book on the shelves of any bookstore, which contains a picture of a naked male or female, and which "lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational or scientific value for children", is termed "indecent" by this bill. Any book which even describes the body or sexual conduct in this way, is also covered.

We can see that the bill is not against the exploitation of the body, but against the body itself. Maureen Tully is editor of a magazine called Welcome Home, Australia, in which she reveals that she is a fundamentalist, born-again Christian, opposed to the feminist movement, opposed to the tolerance of homosexuality, and opposed to all non-Christian religions and philosophies, and even yoga - she regards them all as the work of Satan.

On top of that, she and her husband Maurice (one of the twenty men who turned up to an 'anti-porn' meeting) are the editors of the SSAA ACT Newsletter, the Official Journal of the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia ACT (Inc.) The inside front cover states: 'SSAA Newsletter welcomes articles and artwork encouraging the promotion of the sport of shooting and hunting in all its forms and the creation of a better environment and understanding for it.' In the editorial of the Autumn/Winter 1991 edition, Maurice writes, 'Some members in recent discussions have expressed concern about the extent to which anti-gun, anti-hunting propaganda is being accepted by the next generation.'

'A friend was asked recently by his child why he killed our Australian native animals. ... Children, if taught that animals are of equal or even greater value than humans can easily accept the idea that it is cruel and irresponsible to hunt. The logical extension of this is that gun ownership becomes redundant and must be eradicated. ... It seems inevitable that in a few short years the will of the majority will be swayed against responsible gun ownership - unless we speak up now.'

I respect the right of Maureen and Maurice to hold such views, but many people will see an inconsistency here. Dennis Stevenson also seems to support the same, seemingly contradictory, causes.

A bill that addressed exploitation but did not restrict freedom, if it can be drafted, might solve the problem.

Yours Faithfully,

PETER MYERS.

In Disgust

Dear Woroni Editors,

I wish to express my protest at seeing the 2 homosexual men on the back cover of issue #5. There is no justification for displaying such disgusting pornography - which is currently available elsewhere in the ACT for those who are seeking it.

I also express outrage against the "Bonk" article (p.25 Issue #5), which is in extremely poor taste. Such material need not be printed.

I am grieved to see that the steps taken to improve the '92 issues of Woroni have been retracted. Proper editing needs to be done to ensure that future issues are of a high standard.

Will Woroni continue to carry simply the most base articles that it can find - or can it provide readable quality items for its readers?

Yours in protest,

NATHAM SPINAYE.

An Open Letter to Chris Bishop

Dear Chris

I think it's great that you are writing about the men's movement and issues relating to men. I'm a bit worried though about the tack that you're taking.

Yes it is true that men are oppressed. The most important step in overcoming our own oppression is to understand how we ourselves oppress. Many feminists, especially white educated middle-class ones, have had to understand this too. For men this means that before we can turn our attention to the 'system' we have to focus on patriarchy.

The questions you raised about custody battles, alimony and affirmative action are all important issues but ones where we, as men, need to be especially attentive to the historical effects of patriarchy (e.g. the denial of property and employment rights to women).

SETH EELES

BAN CHILDREN

What a wonderful edition was no. 6. I can just imagine the judicious use of red pen that went on, and the hours spent trying to decide which articles to include.

What impresses me most, is how the editors know exactly what students at ANU want in their student paper. I mean - is there anything else in life other than sex? I am sure that nobody would be boring enough to want anything else. And why stop at sex alone? I am glad to see that we have a new interest in homosexual practices. I am sure that most students at ANU are homosexual, or at the very least, want to read about new discoveries in this particular art. Why else would half the pages of

WORONI be filled with the glorious 'ins and outs of Anal sex' I mean to say, these are the most important facts we can ever learn!

Of course, there is no reason to assume that us mortal humans were ever meant to be attracted to the opposite sex. This is just old fashioned. I mean - who needs to reproduce anyway? I can see that Wagner is helping to solve the population problems of the world. While we're at it, lets get rid of marriage and families. I propose that we make children illegal, and just absorb ourselves in inebriated homosexuality. I am sure that I will have the editors support.

I am eagerly awaiting your next bumper issue on AIDS and 'safe but FUN sex'. Wow! you mean sex can actually be fun? Here was I, thinking that sex was just another boring part of life, like getting up in the morning, and cleaning your teeth. I am assuming that there will be nothing on boring heterosexual sex, but that the whole issue will be filled with fun homosexual practices. This is what most of us want, right!

Keep it up guys. I can see the editors of the SMH trembling in their pin-stripes.

J. LLOYD

Way Out.

In relation to the Gay/Lesbian community; I believe that there are some points that need to be made. Homosexuals are attracted to members of the same sex by exercising their individual choice, and **not** merely as a result of their genetic make-up. Articles published in the last edition of Woroni by homosexuals made the same comment - ie. persons having had to make a choice about one's sexuality. Undeniably, it is up to the individual whether or not they will have sexual contact with another person of the same sex. But it is important to note what the bible says concerning male and female sexuality.

Genesis 1:27 states "...In the image and likeness of God He created [humans]; male and female He created them." God did not create two males or two females; but one of each sex-intending that they should enjoy a sexual relationship with each other. Some people are confused as to what the bible has to say about homosexuality. Romans 1:26-27 - "For their women exchanged their natural [sexual] function for an unnatural and abnormal one, And their men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze with lust for one another."

Homosexuality is described as both unnatural and abnormal - which is quite logical considering that while both the male and female sex organs complement each other, the same is **not** true for male/male nor female/female sex organs.

The bible lays out guide-lines for sexual relationships, and the

natural consequences if these guide-lines are not followed, including: becoming unable to distinguish right from wrong, becoming cruel and becoming unable to love. It also gives a way out - which is 1. to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and 2. to accept his forgiveness. While attempts are made to ignore the pain/guilt and hurt that is always associated with casual sex (of any kind), the only solution is to have the guilt/hurt removed. The bible is used as God's way of communicating His love to us, and states that: "Surely He [Christ] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows and pains...He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole." Isaiah 53:4-5 It is on the basis of my own personal experience of having my own pain and guilt taken away permanently that I can say that these words are true.

Yours sincerely,
NATHAN SPINAZE.

You're Right, But Shouldn't Be.

Dear Andrew Fox
You're right. In this day and age education is a privilege and is becoming even more so. Perhaps for you, in your narrow minded conception of the world, this is the way it should always be. Some of us, however, have a different vision. The phrase 'education is a right' is a description of how things should be. Education at every level should be available to all. This means having publicly funded education of the highest calibre. Unfortunately, because of apathetic creatures like you who see the only value of education as the getting of a degree, the education system is rapidly going downhill.

love,
SETH EELES

CORRECTION

In last issue's editorial it was stated that the SA is setting up a safety service. It has since come to our attention that this is not the case. We would like to apologise for any confusion this statement may have caused. Our sources were incorrect.

The challenge for a 100 word letter

I read with amusement the contribution of Jon Coroneos to the last issue of Woroni. I was most impressed with his grasp of logic but noticed a lack of rigour in seeking a pertinent conclusion. Indeed it is true that if men cry then they are sheilas and if they don't they are bastards. I assume that Jon Coroneos is a man. Either he cries or he doesn't. Therefore, he is either a sheila or a bastard. As Jon is a man, he could not possibly be a sheila and that leaves only one possible conclusion: Jon is a bastard.

GARETH MILLS

Safety on campus

To the editors, Woroni.
In her president's report for issue No.6/1992 Amanda Chadwick quite properly raised the issue of safety on campus. The matter was also raised in several other sections of that issue, including in an editorial.

It was, however, a little disconcerting to read that the University had, after "pressure" had been exerted on it, "confessed" that ours is not a safe campus. The first that we were aware that there may be a particular problem (as distinct from the on-going issue of safety) was when an external member of council asked a question at the May meeting of council. Our response was cautious, as we needed to try and sort out fact from rumour. Until that time, *no-one* had spoken to either one of us about this issue.

The University does all it can to prevent *all* illegal acts on the campus. It gives particular attention to acts of violence. It is, however, an unfortunate fact that there have in recent years been incidents of sexual assault/rape on the campus. For understandable reasons, not all such incidents have been reported to either the university authorities or the Police. We therefore cannot say how many such incidents there have been. *But*, despite inquiries we have made of the Police, Women's Refuge, Rape Crisis Centre, the University Counselling Centre, the University's Health Service, the Equal Employment Officer, the Committee Against Sexual Harassment, and the University's security authorities and several student office-bearers, we know of only *one* possible attempted sexual assault having occurred this year, a suggestion that there may have been another. Regrettably, these incidents are probably not the only ones that have occurred.

But unless we have the assistance of those who are aware of assaults

and other crimes, it is almost impossible for us to take remedial action.

Informed debate on this issue is essential. However, statements about particular incidents of rape and the number of rapes that have occurred which, when challenged, become vague rumour do little to advance the constructive debate that is necessary if we are to increase safety on campus. The campus is *not* badly: but there may still be some dark areas where members of the University community regularly walk at night. If we are told about these places and they are on the regular pathways, they will be lit. But it is naive to suggest that *every* can and should be floodlit. And if anyone knows where we can find 'those stupid lights...that turn themselves on and off' please let us know.

The University does not have 'movement detector' lights, although it would seem that we do have some faulty lights. Nor is it helpful to assert that the University doesn't care 'what happens to students stuck alone on a huge under-lit campus after dark, as long as the University keeps its name out of the papers.' The one incident of possible attempted sexual assault known to the University was *immediately* reported to the Police and the assistance of an experienced counsellor sought. Physical security of the building was upgraded the same day. The Police interviewed literally scores of students in a room made available by the University. A general meeting of students was called by 'the authorities.' Some code of silence!

We appreciate that not all victims of assault, of whatever kind, may wish to report the attack to "the authorities". That is their right. However, we urge *anyone* who is assaulted to report the matter to the University's security personnel (ph. 9 or 249/2249) or to the Police (ph 000; City station 249 7444). They should also consider the assistance that is provided by the University Counselling Centre (ph 249/2442) and complaint handling arrangements of the University's Committee Against Sexual Harassment reported to its members. All of these agencies treat any contact with them in the strictest confidence. The University will continue to seek to improve safety on campus. But it needs the help of all members of our community. Unless there is a flow of information to the University authorities it is not possible for us to put in place the necessary policies and procedures so that the campus is as safe a place as we can reasonably make it. If anyone has any suggestions as to how security can be enhanced, we ask that they contact either one of us.

P.A. SELTH
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Planning
and Administration)
D.HARDMAN
Head, Buildings and Grounds

A LETTER TO JEREMY MITCHELL

JEREMY,
Your hypocrisy and idiocy are nauseating. How dare you trivialise the issues of rape and assault by using them as a cheap exercise in political point-scoring. It is precisely this kind of ignorant self-aggrandising behaviour that makes the task of those seriously committed to resolving the problem so much more difficult. What's more, not only is your article 'The Right View' (Vol. 44 Issue #6) ridiculing the problems ANU students face, it is also totally false.

The SA Executive, in conjunction with the Welfare Committee and CASH have made every effort to bring the problem to the students' attention and try to find adequate solutions. Representatives of CASH have made repeated approaches to officials of the University and college administration with considerable success. Even as your bilious little missive hits the presses, the Buildings and Grounds Division were being persuaded to increase the lighting and security facilities on this campus. Without the untiring efforts of the very students you attack the facts and figures that are finally emerging would never have been public knowledge.

Where did you discover the figures of attacks you quote? Certainly not from any positive action you have undertaken. In fact you have been as totally complacent and ineffectual as always.

So Jeremy, if in future you feel the need to be generally destructive and astoundingly moronic by trivialising serious issues such as sexual assault for your own political ends have the basic decency to relegate your pathetic, inane and untrue remarks to the safety of your vacuous little head.

Love
LEA de CARVALHO

Writing a letter to Woroni is easy! All you have to do is bring your letter in to us with your name (your real name), Address, Phone No (if you have one) and your student no. All letters 100 words or less will be published. If any longer, we'll see how we feel.

SPORT

University Rugby

This weekend was another blinder for Uni. We came away with good wins in all the grades, M2s also picked up the points for a hard played win.

Fourth grade started off the day in the right way with an easy 35-10 win. However, the game was more noteworthy for the come-back of Peter McGrath, after a five year stint. Rob Nathan also had a great game and picked up two good tries. The forwards played well but there is still a bit of room for improvement, and Dave Power picked up the mug for players' player. Another of the highlights of the game was Girvo's brother's try, which the crowd thought thoroughly amazing, although they were not able to say any more.

Third grade followed their general form and turned on another try scoring display, even though at times the game deteriorated into what could only be described as a Gaelic form, from which not even Warren Fisher running the line could rescue it. Rupert ran in another four fine tries, and looks a certainty for the Senator's Trophy at the end of the year, for highest point scorer. However, Boothy's insurance must really be going through the roof, due to his goose steps and blinding runs. However Childs was cast back to the previous seasons with images that made his heart stop due mainly to Boothy's innovative plays.

Second grade had a good solid win 15-6. It was good to see them back in form, and the backs seemed to revel with the chance of showing their abilities, playing well in both attack and defence. Crafty and Steve Rawlings both played well giving the forwards the momentum to carry on. Geoff Wiltshire played well and obviously his new baby daughter is

not affecting his football at all.

First grade had a very close win that perhaps should have been more convincing. They started off well launching attack after attack, sending Kite over the line early in the first half. However they seemed to slacken off in the second half and let Norths get back into the game. In the end though we managed to get the four points, however the team will need to lift their game a bit next week against Easts.

The M2s picked up a good, hard fought and somewhat lucky win against Goulburn. The first half was all ours, with the forwards dominating in every facet and allowing the backs to weave their magic. However the highlight of the game was the pushover try, from a tight head, that Charlie O'Hanlon scored. The second half was a different story though.

Goulburn came back well and really stretched our defence at times. However, the game itself was dampened by some shocking displays, need we say more.

Colts were very unlucky in their game against Norths, going down 10-9, in the last few moments. Our thanks to the referee from Wollongong, who showed us how the game was played down there, in a more Northern Hemisphere manner of control. Cliff did well and was rewarded for his efforts with not only the players' player mug but also the Shell Braddon Auto Care Player of the round award. However the second mug was probably as wasted as Chiff, who was sent home by his Coltdy brethren.

COME AND SEE UNI PIN DOWN R.M.C. AT THE HATCHET TROPHY DAY - JUNE 8th MONDAY.

Classic Corner

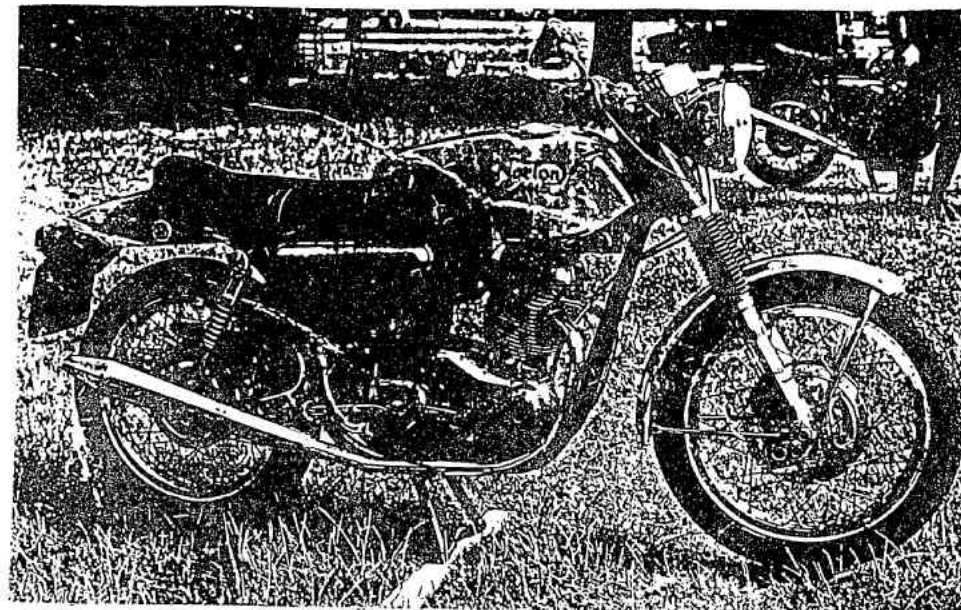
By Hugh Whitlam

INCORPARATING METAPHYSICS AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY

Essay to be completed and examinations are looming, so I have to submit a picture of one of my favourite motorcycles. The Norton Commando 750cc certainly has classic lines. It was the first of the modern breed of Superbikes when released at Earl's Court Motor Show in London 1967, resplendent with silver-metal falk paint and an orange seat. There were many variations of the Commando from 1968-1977. Fastback models were continued until 1972, after

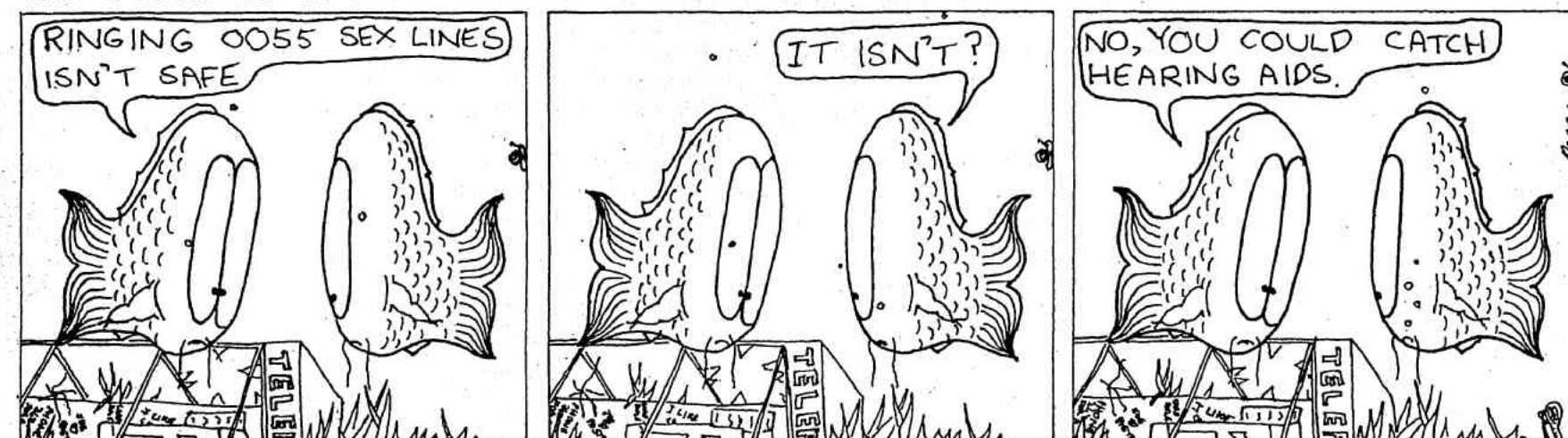
which the Roadster, introduced in 1970 to complement the range, became the dominant model.

Note the upswept exhaust, reverse cone megaphones, the ears on the seat which extend forward over the tank, and the simple clean lines that make the machine look fast even sitting still. Note also the symmetry of the slope of the front mudguard stay, front frame rail, cylindrical barrels, front edge of oil-tank, rear shock absorbers and footpeg bracket.



The lions looked very proud and fierce, but they obeyed their trainer and even let the biggest clown stroke them.

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HOROSCOPES

By **Bec Big Bang Theory**

Aries: March 21st - April 20th
Get beef-bayoneted

Taurus: April 21st - May 20th
Hey limp-dick, you've got an attitude problem which will have dramatic effects on your life when saturn moves into Beverly Hills. Beware of scorching your peanuts to long on June 5th.

Gemini: May 22nd - June 21st
Watch out for water in the coming weeks, especially when meandering around in the dark. Life will be a touch bizare after the 4th. One-and-twenty blackbirds will be after your arse.

Cancer: June 23rd - July 23rd
Getting one won't be a problem in the very near future, for your natural charm and persuasive mannerisms will guarantee it. In general you'll be having almost as much fun as your sister sign Sagitarius, don't be jealous, you'll be scoring more than they will.

Leo: July 24th - August 23rd
You are only as young as you feel, age can never be a barrier. Don't let your hideous facial warts stop you from having a whoop of a time when you go out, people will only be staring because they've never seen anything quite like it. Water Lily.

Virgo: August 24th - September 23rd
It doesn't matter what happens in the future because deep down you and the cosmos know that you are beautiful. Clear up any problems with the past and future decisions will be as easy as rooting a rug-rat. Jason. Green.

Libra: September 24th - October 23rd
Dick-wad, muff-head, snot-breath. Why you even bother existing when you have to walk around looking like something that's very much akin to afterbirth is beyong this cosmic guru.

Scorpio: October 24th - November 22nd
Dennis Lilly.

Sagittarius: November 23rd - December 21st
How you manage to stay so good in a world full of deviation is a marvel to the stars above. You've experienced situations that you're facing now before, so you will face them with perfect understanding and dignity. Lush.

Capricorn: December 22nd - January 20th
Stop looking for Heidi, she's run off with a french-Italian water-skier to Belgium. Goats are the only known animal who can not carry the AIDS virus, so lose the condom.

Aquarius: January 21st - February 19th
It's time to stop picking your nose and eating it.

Pisces: February 20th - March 20th
Before you can say Kylie Minogue three times you will be "Shocked" by the power of that speeding taxi when it runs over your left leg.

CLASSIFIEDS

Brand new wooden clarinet, made in Prague, for \$1000 (worth \$1500!) Call 248 8813 or (049) 531 1106

Don't forget that classifieds are free to all members of the Student's Association (undergraduate students). Ads can be left at the Woroni office or the Students Association. There were no Clubs and Societies notices this issue, but they will continue to appear here when the clubs have something to give us.

For Sale: one highly prized place on Ski Club July trip
First person with \$200 to give to me gets it. Fiona B107 B&G or 248 7127

BORING YET IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Library Committee meets during the break— this is one of your few opportunities to let someone know your complaints/ ideas/ suggestions. If you are absolutely overjoyed with the state of your libraries this does not concern you. If however, there's something you'd like to change, complain about or suggest I'm just dying to hear from you. Already the submissions are flooding in : it says "where the fuck are the recycling bins?" Anything you'd like conveyed (it doesn't even have to have an expletive in it) can be left at the Woroni office marked for Fiona.

APOLOGIES

To Robby Swann who gave Woroni an interview which due to time constraints, a desire to do it properly, and space problems has been held over to issue #8

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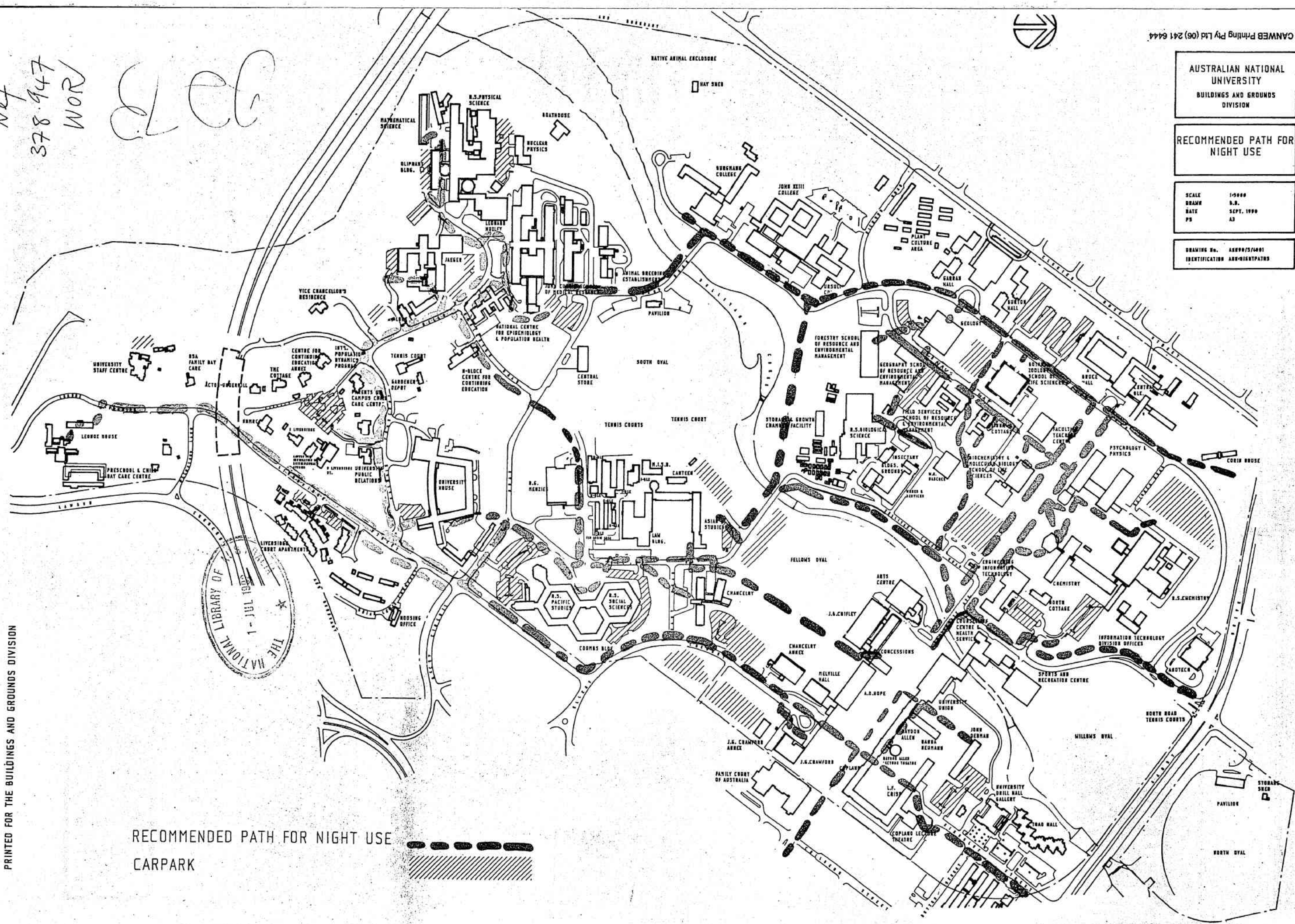
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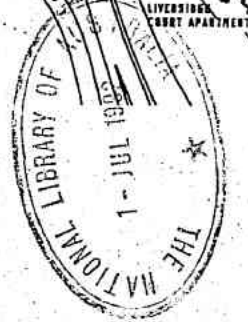
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ROGUE

ENOUGH ABOUT YOU

YOU TELL US

Let's talk about us! And what you think about us. You want more funny stuff? Submit it. You want more pictures? Submit them. An Editor's job is not to write the whole fucking paper, but to edit. So get off your assessment and *fail*, just like we do. Become an object of hatred and derision, lose sleep, lose marks, make HUGE personal sacrifices, become a stranger to your closest friends, just like we do. Only YOU can stop us whinging, only by SUBMITTING SOMETHING. (I feel better now)

I like the comicy bits.
Too much sex and politics— make that too much politics.
I just flick through.
God, that's really hard actually.
It would be better if the grammar and spelling were always correct.
There are some parts that are really good.
It's always interesting.
Not in general.
The Eds are pretty right wing.
Ban Jon Coroneos' shit.
Too political, I don't think it gives a very representative view.
I think the picture on the back was a bit too graphic for some people.
I liked the picture on the back cover.
I like the controversy
We've been looking around Uni for those two guys.
It varies.
It concentrates too much on one issue: not everyone's into drugs.
I'd like more humour.
Yep, yep, yep.
I'm really glad they won't publish those bum-spinning Zone ads.
Too political— it's sickening, it's a joke.
No comment.
You should pay people.
It's gone downhill from last year.
Not as funny.
Too much on homosexuality, politics and generally people aren't interested.
These questions aren't as funny.
What's Woroni, who's he?
It's too wide for toilet paper.
It's better than the Serbian paper.
My mum doesn't let me read it.
You should make the Politics Zone into a lift-out so that it can be thrown away.
I like it.
The topics aren't full enough— like last issue was on relationships and it was only about sex and not other stuff.
No, not really.
Think about Woroni? I try not to.
It's much better this year.
I was deeply offended by the word "fuck" on the poster.
Too many words, not enough pictures.
Rogue's good.
When do we get the Steve Byron centrefold?

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Short, dark and fat (Echo Sierra) and his insignificant friend (Delta Sierra)

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Roving Rogues

Anyone who, like this *Woroni* Editor, has seen the revised exam timetable and discovered that they have three exams on the first three days of the exam period could be excused for going home and having a very stiff drink!

Throughout the ages alcohol has been recognised as a source of confidence; just what a tense uni student needs when faced with study books that loom higher than a pile of yellow and white pages for the last decade.

If you feel apprehensive, are too nervous to sleep or are relieved when your exams are over, relax and celebrate with the king of alcoholic beverages: **THE COCKTAIL!**

Michelle Cooper has compiled a list of the *Woroni* Editors favourite little helpers.

COCKTAILS TO KEEP YOU AWAKE

TROPICAL FRUIT

60ml pineapple juice
60ml orange juice
15ml coconut cream
1 slice of orange
1 slice of pineapple
4 strawberries
half a banana
half a kiwi fruit
Mix in a blender until smooth.

Go on, spoil yourself- you only get to do exams twice a year.

As alcohol is a depressant there isn't really an alcoholic cocktail that will pry your eyes open for copious amounts of study. However, these *mocktails* are high in sugar to keep you awake for days at a time when alternated with strong short blacks.

MOONWALKER

5ml vanilla essence
120ml milk
1 banana
1 teaspoon of honey
2 dessert spoons of yoghurt
Mix in a blender until smooth.

A good energy drink for all night study binges.

Down a few of these cocktails and you will look as though you've stayed up all night studying. This is a great way to get sympathy, and if you're woeful enough you could even score the loan of some completed summaries to study off.

ZOMBIE

15ml Barcardi Gold
15ml Barcardi Light
15ml Bundaberg UI/Proof
15ml Bundaberg OI/Proof
10ml Peter Heering
Add ice, orange juice and pineapple juice before mixing for just an instant in a blender.
Pour into glass.

Not gentle on your taste buds or brain cells.

ROLLS ROYCE

30ml Gin
15ml Dry Vermouth
15ml Sweet Vermouth
10ml D.O.M. Benedictine
Mix in a cocktail glass and strain into glass.

Like being mowed down by a Rolls Royce- hence the name.

If you want to go in style this is your drink.

DON'T PANIC! COCKTAILS

COCKTAILS TO HELP YOU SLEEP

LOVING EYES

30ml Baileys
30ml Cointreau
60ml cream
Mix in a cocktail shaker and strain into glass.
Now add 15ml Galliano
Set it alight and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Loving Eyes makes you're strained eyes droop into Dreamland.

KING LOUIS

60ml Brandy
45ml lemon juice
5ml sugar syrup
half a teaspoon of honey
Mix in a cocktail shaker and strain into glass

A sweet concoction that soothes you into sleep.

These cocktails are nightcaps designed to relax you into sleep. If you've ever laid awake all night revising your study in your head instead of being able to count sheep these drinks are for you.

Champagne is the drink of celebration! Cheap champers can be bloody awful though, so try some adventurous mixing. You can add more to champagne than just orange juice.

CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL

15ml Brandy
15ml Orange Curacao
1 Sugar Cube
2 drops of Angostura Bitters
Add champagne until your glass is filled and stir.

Crack open the bubbly.

HONEYMOON PARADISE

15ml Cointreau
30ml Blue Curacao
25ml lemon juice
champagne and ice
Mix in a blender until semi-frozen and pour into glass.

Enjoy the Honeymoon Period of semester break while you can: your exam results will be posted soon.

POST-EXAM COCKTAILS

the YOUNG GODS

I nterview



Swiss band The Young Gods did a short tour of Australia in late May. Crazy Dog spoke to the lead singer, Franz Treichler, about the past, the present, and the future of rock, and the burden of being an influential but obscure European avant-garde rock band.



Franz (and the other two)

The baby-boomers are probably the first generation in history which refuses to grow old gracefully. Not only do flabby 45 year olds squeeze into the jeans of their youth, but they, er, "keep rocking" instead of putting such childish things away. When this is coupled with the explosion in information technology, the past is no longer a combination of memory and artifacts, but is available instantly for reliving and repeating. Soul classics are ripped out of context to sell everything from beer to jeans to TV networks; cover and tribute bands offer their stale wares to a curiously receptive public. There's no way Proust's "Remembrance of Things Past" could be written today, because nothing's ever past; it's just recycled and re-experienced endlessly.

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As a result, it's becoming almost impossible to create a generation gap, to do something which will revolt and repel your parents. Taking drugs is pointless — your parents have probably taken more than you, and it didn't stop them from becoming chartered accountants or public servants. Rock music, the epitome of youth culture, seems more the province now of aged stadium rockers, still-breathing corpses, or sanitised record company-approved rebels. No wonder dance, techno and hip hop have exploded in popularity in the last few years; old farts can't stand them.

This is why the Swiss three-piece The Young Gods are so important. Their use of samplers to plunder the past rather

than to recreate it slavishly has made them one of the most exciting rock bands in the world. Over the last few years they have melded thrash, classical music, metal, and street sounds into an intense, vivid and thrilling noise which always sounds just one step ahead of the pack. Samples for them are "lots of little tributes but they're not there to be like an encyclopaedic work ... it's more like just to get the best of the mood and it's not nostalgic at all", according to Franz. Franz, apart from being the lead singer — there's also Uese the drummer and Al who handles the samplers with Franz — has the most sensual singing growl in modern music. His speaking voice is pretty cool too, and he even chuckles, despite being jet-lagged.

I'd read other interviews with the band, most of which seemed to revolve around the journalist's spouting theories wildly. This seems to have had an effect on the audiences they attract: "sometimes we play for people and they just stare and stay quiet and we have this very intimate relationship ... sometimes it goes really wild and everybody's stagediving nonstop and it's getting out of control." This strange dichotomy between stagedivers and pseudos seems to be at the heart of the Young Gods. Franz expresses mild irritation with the journalists who have hyped his band: "at some point it bothers me when they start getting too philosophical and compare us with Nietzsche — what can I do? In a way it helps us because we get good press ... in another way I think many people didn't even

want to listen to the band because of this". Then again, perhaps they deliberately courted this by talking about creating a New Sonic Architecture ...

The new album, *TV Sky*, is a purer rock album; no flourishes of classical music interrupt its flow. Despite this, it is still a Young Gods album; Franz sees the band's evolution as giving each album "a specific colour or presentation — the first is more avant-garde, the second tight and clinical and more like a fist maybe, the third one [a tribute album of Kurt Weill] is the top of the European influences, and the last is maybe the most American record". It's possible to see this as a deliberate move away from the art to more of a rock album. Franz agreed it was a deliberate change, but not necessarily away from art; what

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with the large amount of European house, hip hop and techno "in a way it's more avant-garde to do this than to try to redo the first or the second Young Gods LPs".

For me, this is paradoxical, this use of a traditional rock sound to be avant-garde. Surely it merely resuscitates tired rockist clichés? Again, that seems part of the band's complexity. They are an experimental band, yet Franz

describes them as "a rock band because it disturbs people when I say that ... we're here ... to give a good energy and kick arse — our arses first on stage — and try to share some kind of electricity... for me that's some kind of a definition of rock — bands who are still there to put question marks on things and experiment and in the same time just enjoy, you know."

Because they used samplers when few others did, they acquired a tag of being "futuristic". I put this to Franz, who modestly sidestepped the question. The reason they sound futuristic is because everything else is busy recreating the past. "You walk down Venice Beach in California and ... it could be Woodstock ... this rock business is getting very conservative, even in the natural approach of people like a rock band with guitars ... [but] you can stay fresh and still have the same attitude, the same, let's say, passion, but you don't have to keep on the formula." It's for this reason that Franz can see the band fitting into today's scene, even if few rock bands do use samplers — "we just use today's technology to give an edge, a different kind of edge to what we are and what we want to communicate. Or maybe even this technology is part of what we communicate because we use it with contradiction; because in a way the sound is pretty chaotic but it's also to a certain point quite controlled ... this huge amount of technology all around the world ... is still controllable but you never know in the next 5 or 10 years what will happen ... and I feel a bit the same so that's why I think we fit in today's scene."

Towards the end of the interview I asked Franz what the Swiss think of their famous export. It seems the Swiss audiences like them partly because "we kind of channelise the frustration with all this clinical atmosphere [using] the chaotic side and the fresh decibel dose". They seem the perfect band for Canberra.

The Young Gods — still putting question marks around rock music. Long may they punctuate.

the hummingbirds

Interview



Swelling Spectoresque choruses; symphonic middle eights fused with feral tribal chants; perfect beat-pop laced with Supreme-like vocal harmonies; haunting spoken-word reminiscences; supersonic guitar squalls married to intimate dramas... record company releases make you wade through wank don't they? Simon Holmes, one-time resident of Weetangera and current token male in the Hummmingbirds took time to evade a few of Fiona MacDonald's questions on Club Hoy, song-writing and the new single—a cover of a Donovan song (the laughing gnome of the sixties). Oh, and what do you have to say about this guff being circulated in your name?

Did you know that your record company describes you as “some sort of spastic offspring of a union between the Monkees, the Go-Go's and the B52's”? That's a pretty crowded double bed.

Oh, Jesus, I wouldn't describe us as anything like any of those people. I mean I don't think that's really very accurate. I guess they are trying to push the pop line. Just because the single is like it is doesn't mean we want to do stuff like that for the rest of our lives. We're not going to make it easy for anybody. We like to change all the time and we are going to continue to do so, irrespective of how other people may feel about it. We have to please ourselves. We felt like doing a Donovan song, we felt like doing a silly Donovan song, so we did it.

Why did you cover a Donovan song?

When I was working at Phantom Records someone used to haul out this record by a woman called Dayna Gillespie and there was this Donovan song on it, and he was always saying that we should cover it, and so we did. We just wanted to have fun, not take it all too seriously. We thought that it was a really good song and that's it. He is not something I listen to, I haven't got any Donovan records.

Is that Donovan's head on the cover?

Yes it is. It's kind of a tribute. **So where to after here?**

Well we're going back into the studio in about six weeks time, we're going to record an EP called *Loud Fast Rules* and it's going to be full of noise, but we don't want anyone to think that we are jumping on a bandwagon so we're going to do an EP of noisy songs rather than an album. EPs are good, because they give you a good opportunity for you to try various things without anyone thinking that they're some big thing. They're less of an momentous endeavour than making a full blown album.

You all write—is it a fight to get songs on the album?

No, we all play various songs and we just decide which songs we want to do and which ones we



Two talented musicians and one swarmy git

don't want to do. And that's about it really. It's not high pressure like that, it's not like we argue about whether we want our song on, or whether we don't, we just do it. I don't know how we do it, we just do it. Know what I mean? We're not consciously aware that we have to have this song by this person and that song by that person — we all come up with a bunch of songs and we sit around and listen to them and decide which ones we like and which ones we want to record and the ones we don't.

How do you write songs?

Me? Well usually I'm standing on the bus or walking down the street, I try to do it in my head as much as possible, you know. I don't have any specific means of doing it, I just think about it vaguely and I try and do it in my head so that I can do it at any point in time

and I find that if you sit down with a guitar hacking out chords then you end up imitating other people's cliches so I try to avoid that where possible.

Do you like draw from real life or do you make it all up?

Well, I guess I started trying to talk about things that meant a great deal to me and all that kind of guff but as time goes on I find it less and less viable to spend other people's precious time talking about my problems when I could invent someone much more interesting to talk about and speak from their perspective. Well it varies, you know, it's not like you follow rules, rules are made to be broken I guess, but I definitely try and shoot the focus away from me and onto something else or somebody else as time goes on.

Does it worry you that people might not be listening to the words?

No it's fine by me, I don't like words anyway. I don't mind writing them, but the funny thing is though, although people don't listen to the words, if a song didn't have many words they would get bored extremely quickly, you know what I mean, I think they like the sound of people singing even if they don't actually know what they are singing about, but as long as they are not saying “Kill everybody” or something like that. I don't mind, I guess they don't have to be scrutinised by people to seem like they are worthwhile. When people send us letters asking incisive questions about our lyrics, I don't really like having to answer them. But I guess it's something that's got to be done.

Tell us about the Canberra connection?

I grew up in Canberra, in Weetangera. I left in 1982. It's not as if we actually converged in Canberra and moved anywhere you know. The three of us have all spent some time in Canberra, but we linked up together in Sydney. I'm kind of wary of exploiting it, it might be easy for us to make a song and dance about it and maybe get some more people excited but I'd just feel bad about doing something like that.

You are playing here in a couple of weeks I think with Club Hoy, how about them? Do you get along with them?

Yep. I don't really spend much time worrying about whether I like their music or not because to me it's not really relevant. The people I get on with the best are the people I have the most respect for and they are usually people whose music I am not necessarily particularly fond of. I just try to get on with people as people without worrying about the aesthetics of whether their music happens to appeal to me or not.

I worry a little about saying what I do or don't like, I'm not particularly interested in giving away too much information about my own personal preferences. I've just become that way lately, I give too much away too easily.

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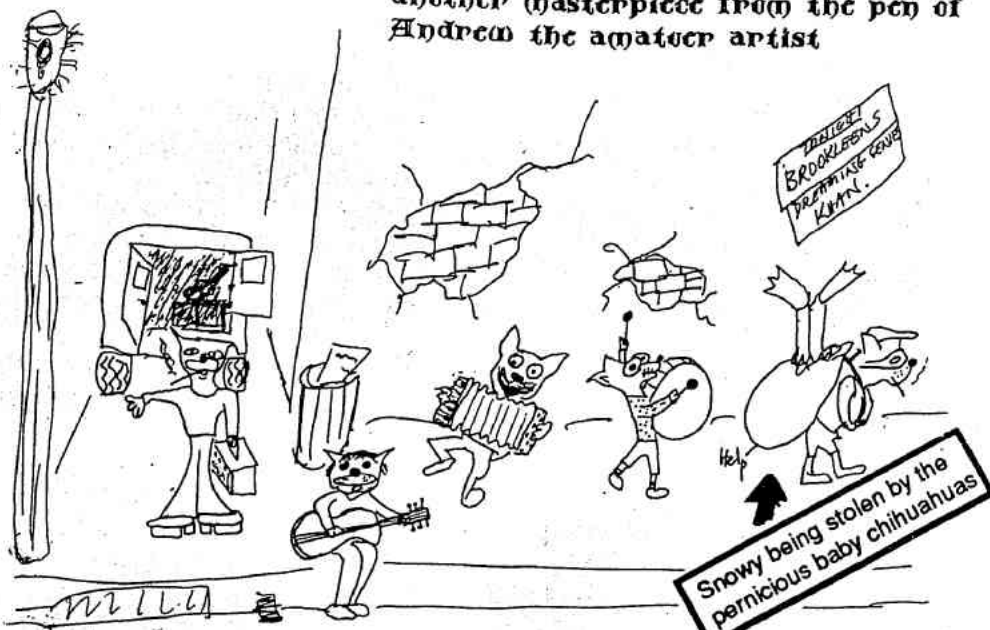
Weddings, Parties, Anything

The Breadmakers started out sounding great with their Louisiana swampy R&B sound and down to earth groovy dance beat. But they seemed to fall into the trap of monotony after the fourth song. They got themselves into a great dance groove but couldn't get out of it. Oh well—a great om-bee-ons [ambience—ed] which conjured images of 70's university days in smoky bars and long, lank, unwashed hair and the occasional sideburn, Vietnam moratoriums, early Zep, harmonica and the original amps. Much toe-tapping here but this band needs more variety to hold an audience. The sound of the Breadmakers, though at times monotonous, is real dance beat groovy kind of thing, compared to the bollocking rubbish of today's Top Forty hip hop and House mindnumbing drum machine oriented blarney that we are force-fed in today's enlightened music age. You can never have enough Louisiana swamp in your Uni bar.

As for **Weddings, Parties, Anything**: this performance was a sudden awakening for two previous **Weddings ...** virgins. Music reviewers have been known to say that "**Weddings...** are one of the best live bands in Australia"—the devoted audience on Thursday they were not disappointed. **Weddings Parties Anything** are reminiscent of **The Pogues**—one difference being **Michael Thomas'** lyrics are intelligible live and he usually isn't as pissed as **Shane McGowan**. *Father's Day, Tale to Tell, Streets of Forbes* and *Another Ship in My Harbour* were just a few of the great songs on Thursday. The **Weddings** are an extremely happy live band with a good blend of folk and nice and heavy 4/4. Make sure you see **Weddings Parties Anything** before the opportunity passes you by.

—Snowy and Blue

another masterpiece from the pen of Andrew the amateur artist



The Venezuelan Baby Chihuahua Accordian Band: not only are they unreliable, they steal your amps too!



Eartha Kitt

(and the love-struck youth)

Eartha Kitt appeared Canberra Theatre, Saturday 23rd May

Some boys dream of Madonna, even Elle McPherson, or Marilyn Monroe. For me it has always been, and always will be Eartha. She may be in her 70's, it's true, but she puts the sex into sextagenarian, as they say. And when after all, has age come before true love?

For months now, I've been waiting, watching the calendar on the wall as the days ticked towards the night when I could wallow in her husky beauty. The night came. It was cold, but I was warm. She stalked onto the stage, moving as always, with heavenly feline grace. Then she started to sing, and in singing strummed the chords of my heart. Like Segovia, she could pluck the most tender notes of my love for her, or reach deep down, deeper even than my heart, and like a howl, clench that part of me which lay there. Sometimes, like a catwoman, she would begin a low

moaning purr which would build to a growl and then climax in a screaming crescendo sending the deepest waves of agonising pleasure through me.

But somehow, in some strange way something was wrong. It struck me then, and it strikes me still, that perhaps I might be unworthy of her love. At first it was an odd, subconscious tugging at my coat, but as she played on, it grew stronger. Is there something amiss with a 70yr old woman, rubbing her thighs or rotating her hips like a 20yr old, like a sexy Kylie? Is she, perhaps ridiculing me? When she purred and said thank you to the audience for paying for her to see one hundred countries, I wondered, if possibly that little smile on the poster by my bed was actually a laugh. Was it in fact, all satire? But doubt, I think must be the first part of true love, so I stood, with the rest of the audience to give her a richly deserved standing ovation.

Ranting Homophobes au-go-go

To co-incide with the Woroni AIDS issue, both Metallica and Guns And Roses this month release singles donating the artist royalties to AIDS foundations. Metallica's offering is a live EP featuring *Enter Sandman, Sad But True* and *Nothing Else Matters*, recorded at Wembley Arena on April 20. Renowned homophobe Axl Rose and the rest of the Gunners are releasing *Knockin' On Heaven's Door*, a Dylan chestnut featured on *Use Your Illusion II*. The flip side is a live version of the song recorded at Wembley Arena on April 20.

Both were recorded at a benefit concert for Freddie Mercury, the flamboyant Queen singer who died of AIDS in November last year. The concert also featured some huge names, like Bowie, Lennox, Plant, Def Leppard, Elton John and more.

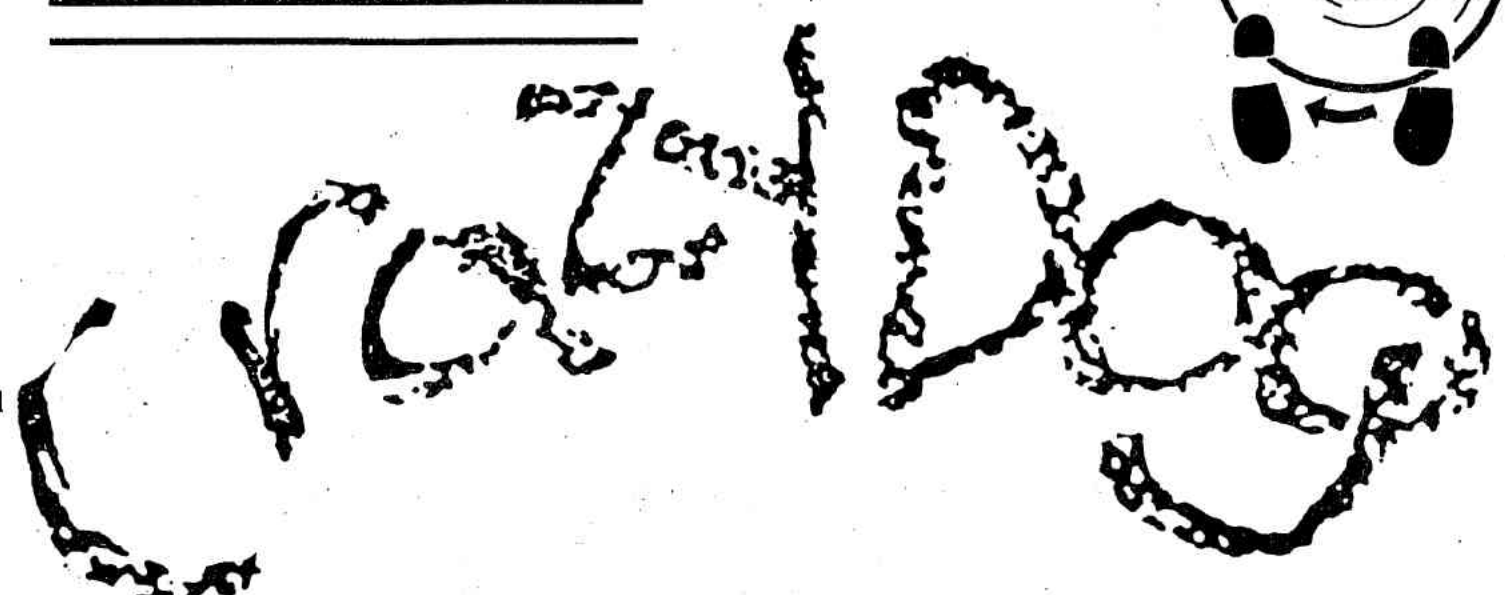
Mercury was an admitted bisexual who took the boundaries of rock and pop [not to mention good taste—Ed] further than most. Queen tried it all - hard

rock (*Keep Yourself Alive, Hammer To Fall*), funk (*Another One Bites The Dust*), opera (*Bohemian Rhapsody*), Eurohouse (*The Invisible Man*), rockabilly (*Crazy Little Thing Called Love*) and commercial pop (*I Want To Break Free*). They were the masters of excess, with their "let's throw in the kitchen sink as well" attitude in the studio, their multi faceted live show, and their totally over the top videos. Freddie Mercury and Queen will be remembered for their performance at Live Aid (Gedof labelled them the best band of the day), their sports anthem *We Are The Champions*, dressing up in drag for their videos, and a myriad of other images. Queen pushed against what was expected, and none more so than Freddie Mercury.

It is unfortunate that it took the death of a prominent star like Freddie to unite these people against AIDS, but as ranting homophobe Axl Rose said on the day "AIDS Concerns Us All".

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This will just be a short column because I've spent all the weekend adoring myself in the mirror or twitching convulsively. So, on with the show!

Oh, singles, singles, singles! **Matt Finish** were a cruelly under-rated (okay, I'm lying about that) adult-oriented band of the early 80s. They split up to cries of indifference, but have now reformed (cue general rejoicing in streets) to present us with *One Day At A Time* (True Tone). This proves that they still write catchy, competent songs (like, the chorus follows the verse! How did they do that?) with a vaguely contemporary smell to it which should keep commercial radio happy. A nation waits — pity the nation's the Vatican City.

But why be cruel? London band **Natural Life** want us to be nice to each other and tell the nasty corporate big boys to "keep your money and your greed". Their single, *Natural Life* (Hollywood) proves they can't remember too many titles — bet the next single is called *Life is Natural* — but does clomp along at a stirring rate with a funk-coloured bassline and a full-blooded vocal. Indeed, I'm close to saying this is a fine single, except for one thing: without money and greed we could well be living the natural life i.e. mud, shit and fleas. Oh, and no stereo or TV. Wankers.

Other wankers but for different reasons are **Moonshake**, a British band whose new single, *Secondhand Clothes* (Too Pure), earns them my scorn on a purely strategic point. If you have a strong song, you do not make it the second track on the CD and elevate the weakest one to single status. Alas, *Secondhand Clothes* is drums, bass, and tiny bits of guitars with a mangled vocal on top which one either finds instantly cool or tiresome and tuneless. *Blister*, on the other paw, is moody and enigmatic, although the vocal is still somewhat constipated. Guess which is the single?

Well, we could guess, or we could talk. We could talk jessies. We could talk big jessies. We could talk big jessies with bells on. Adorable would do nicely except for *Sunshine Smile* (Creation) being utterly charming. A classic melody wedded to scintillating guitar pop and a dreamy lyric which sounds like someone is falling seriously in love ... *aaaah*. The crux of this song is a desire to be as gorgeous as the one you love, and to that end they work hard to please while affecting a dreamy nonchalance. So stylish of them,

don't you think?

Someone who should be effortlessly gorgeous but isn't is **Verve**. So bang goes another link. Shit. Verve were dismissed as mere wannabes of the **Ride / Lush** etc variety, but have a nice edgy feel to *All In The Mind* (Hut) which beefs up the indie guitar sound with a vaguely menacing 60s' buzz on the guitars. Not exactly the greatest thing ever, but promising and interesting and all those other middle-aged words parents use about their children's mildly obnoxious young friends.

— they are from LA and have that sneering, drop-dead cool attitude which many attempt but few can master (hello **Billy Idol**). A droning sleazy guitar line, bored vocals, and a scruffily memorable chorus make *Pretend We're Dead* (Slash) just the coolest single imaginable and perfect for anyone out there who feels even slightly maladjusted.

California Screaming

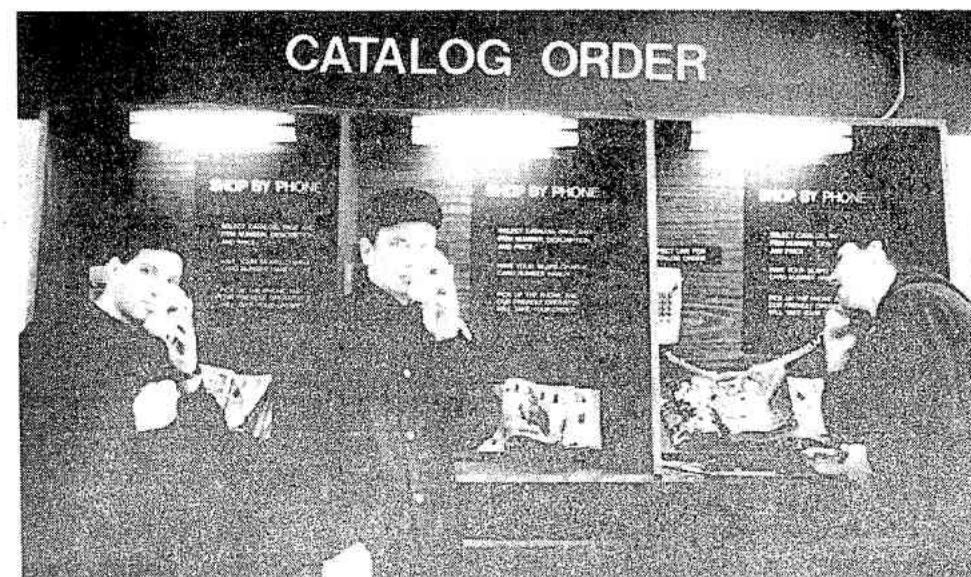
Gee, some guys are just such downers, you know? Like, if you're a Californian Marxist vegetarian

communicated. Cutting Bush's voice up with those of others so that it sounds like he takes advice from the American Nazi party has most listeners sniggering; *Typical Male* ("thinks with his dick") gets most men squirming and most women cheering with its matter-of-fact depiction of men's treatment of women. Then there's the samples of ordinary Americans at the band's public fora. How can anyone resist a whiney voice saying "Meat is good and if you don't like America go live in Russia"? Or, my favourite, a hysterical cry of "We don't want this serious shit. We just want to party" which sums up just how stupid people can be. The effect of the album is to dissect all the bullshit we use to keep ourselves happy and show us the corruption within, like in *Music Has No Meaning* where modern music is just another pacifier of the masses. the record companies give us our safe rebels and that gives us the illusion that the world allows dissent.

In fact, if I have any complaint with the record, it's that the analysis is necessarily somewhat shallow. When they attack meat-eaters (yeah, I'm one), they miss the crucial issue. Sure, a lot of grain is needed to keep cattle alive, but people don't starve because of that. People starve because it's too difficult and too much of an effort for our governments to pull their fingers out and help others feed themselves. We can support ourselves on this planet; the powers that be simply can't be bothered to remedy the situation.

Oh, sod this. I'm off for a holiday. Next issue: Swans! 3Ds! DAD! 2 Unlimited! MC 900 Ft Jesus! And More! More! More!

—Crazy Dog



Consolidated: lighten up, you guys!

The Catherine Wheel are a namby-pamby Sydney band. They are also a band from Suffolk in the UK. Either (a) they move around a lot or (b) there are two bands with the same name. Which do you think it is? Yes, I know it's tough, but this is the sort of thing I have to do every day. To make it easier for you, the back of the CD single *Black Metallic* (Fontana) gives an address in Lowestoft, Suffolk, to write to, but that's the only clue I'm giving you. *Black Metallic* is yet another example of the sweeping, dreamy guitar pop which has infested Britain like a plague since the first **My Bloody Valentine** album. Happily, it's a sensual, swaying song with a breathy voice singing such a sexy line: "it's the colour of your skin / your skin is black metallic" is pretty special and lovely.

L7 are of course neither special nor lovely. They're better than that

dancecore rapper, people just, like, you know, wanna party instead of listening to you. **Consolidated** know this only to well. Their career as Californian Marxist etc etc means that when they go out to spread their message, people just don't want to listen. Unlike other Californian Marxist etc etc, they tape their opponents and make sound collages. **Friendly Fascism** (Netzwerk) is a hard-edged techno-cum-hiphop (it's that diverse, folks) album full of righteous dissent from the American nightmare. It's also a real blast.

Admittedly, saying that a record is all about racism, sexism, homophobia, meat-eating, war, and other manifestations of the capitalist system does not make it seem instantly attractive. Actually, it makes it sound like a real draaaaaag, maaaaaaan. What saves the album is, firstly, real cleverness in the way the message is

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"Who's next"
 What?!, I'm sure I was next, damn!!... mutter, mutter, unbelievable, mutter, mutter... come on, come on, CHRIST!!, who is this moron?, anybody would think it was a trick question, I mean, how difficult can it be?, you don't have any choices!... incredible...
 "What would you like sir?"

"Me?, are you talking to me?, thank God!, finally!!"
 "Your order sir?"

"Ok, ok, don't rush me... Right, I'll have the Boringblandhighfathisugarhellosaltnotextureholdtheflavourpassonthastegiveittimenowburg er. Oh, and do I get it for free, you know, because I said it so fast?"

"No."
 Ohh.
 "With or without our special sauce sir?"

"What?, oh what the hell, I'm in a dangerous mood; hit me with the sauce."

"Eat in?"
 "What here?, are you kidding?, I hate these places."

Sound familiar? It should, because that's what you people want and that's exactly what you're getting. *McDonalds America* currently lays claim to 5% of the American diet. That's right. Big Ronnie is responsible for 5% of all foodstuffs consumed in the U.S. In Australia, the fast food stakes



aren't quite so high, but market trends would indicate that the GravoX train downunder is only just pulling out of the station.

Now, lets get to the crunch of the matter and dip into our not-so-distant culinary past. Once upon a time it seems our cosmopolitan culture boasted a multitude of exotic gourmet alternatives. With each new wave of immigration a host of nice little family businesses would pop up and begin pumping out a smorgasbord of traditional dishes and atmosphere.

All, I think, would agree, a lovely story. But lo!! a happy ending does not appear to be in store, because undermining this wonderful celebration of individuality and cultural variety is the disturbing trend towards the homogeneous fast food fix.

In undertaking the Civic Kebab Crawl I was appalled to find the extent to which the marvellous tradition in Lebanese cuisine has been prostituted to accommodate the dulled minds and appetites of

you, the increasingly unimaginative and unadventurous consuming public. Traditional atmosphere, authentic presentation, belly-dancing and exotic menus have all but disappeared to make way for the Kwik Kebab Fad.

With *Alibaba's* now offering a franchise package and corporate uniforms, preserving the integrity of the kebab for them translates to "Yeah, its one of our must successful lines".

Kapital Kebab's claim to fame is that, within the grotesquely sterile Canberra Centre, they serve Lebanese 'style' food. Say no more.

Alaa Dean demonstrate their obvious faith in the earning potential of a real Lebanese atmosphere by promoting themselves primarily as a coffee lounge, adding "with Lebanese cuisine" seemingly as an afterthought.

But perhaps the saddest scenario of all is the one to be found at *Sheiks*. For a moment there *Sheiks* looked like they may have been

aiming to create a restaurant with some vestige of atmosphere, but no, they succumbed to the temptation of trying to compete with the Mighty Macka's. The fact that Macka's is right next door didn't help... ah well, I hear you say, at least there's something to turn to when you've digested your McFeast in less than five minutes and are looking for another quick, but hopefully more sustaining fix.

In all it seems that kebabs in this part of Canberra are, on the whole, a cruelly exploited form of cuisine, utilised mostly for the purposes of immediate financial gain with scant regard for their time-honoured cultural and culinary heritage.

I have a bonafide Lebanese friend who cooks bonafide Lebanese food (so she says). She claims that traditional food is all vegetarian, that they never cook kebabs and that the generic 'Lebanese Cuisine' is a fantasy created to satisfy Australian meat-loving tastes. Considering *McDonald's* doesn't have a vegetarian option, I sometimes wonder what its image does to us?

Now I've got that lot off my chest, how about some info on where and what you can get in the way of cheap and tasty Lebanese food around Civic.

—The Little Piglets:
 C. Newcombe & M. Reid

ALI BABA'S

Ali Baba's, located on the corner of Bunda St and City walk comes the closest to the takeaway atmosphere of 'Macca's. But with that comes a clean, bright atmosphere and pretty friendly staff. You can sit at the window on a Saturday night and watch the arty paparazzi stroll past.

Chicken kebabs are more expensive than usual as is the tabouli (\$4.20). Try their vineleaves or mixed grill (\$9.50) for meatheads, then pop next door to the Gelati Cones-joint (ha! ha!) for desert.



ALAA DEAN

An obvious rival of *Ali Baba's* being situated exactly opposite? Not really, although it could be said to be a Lebanese overload for that particular spot in Civic. *Alaa Dean* caters for the quieter types who like to sit in dark and shady 'Coffee Lounges'.

This is by far the test value for Lebanese takeaway. All rolls are \$3.40 including the chicken kebabs. The service is fast and the rolls are not as greasy nor is the sauce so intent on escaping the confines of the wrapping and dropping all over your shirt as 'lebanese' is wont to do.

DON'T GO TO 'SHEIKS'

Well, you might go as a sympathy vote as *McDonalds* steals all possible clientele even on a Saturday night.

Don't try their banquet. It is the most expensive and you will have had enough homos (look underneath the lettuce) to never touch chick peas again!



KAPITAL KEBAB

Located amongst the mass of appetites at the bottom of the Canberra Centre, *Kapital Kebab* does depart somewhat from stereotypical 'Lebanese'.

They can offer you steamed vegetables and rice or salad rolls (the salad is not fresh!). Their saving grace is that the vegetables taste nice and they offer a good selection of sauces with the kebabs. The kebabs are more expensive on the plates at around \$6.00 but you are given more nosh.

Personally, I'd go for a healthy piece of quiche at *The Natural Food Co.* if I was in the vicinity, but G-Spot goes exploring the Canberra Centre next issue!

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Books

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN

By Anthony Barker
Published by Allen & Unwin
Recommended Retail Price \$29.95
478 pages Paperback

What Happened When by Anthony Barker is a chronological listing of what the author determines to be significant events in Australia's history since 1788. It also contains a comprehensive index of 125 pages to help readers find what they are looking for, if it is listed. The book promotes itself as 'a godsend' and 'indispensable'. This is not the case.

It is interesting and most readers will find some small piece of information which they didn't know but probably wouldn't have cared about anyway. Being a volume of only 478 pages, 125 of which are index, it seems unbelievable that the author could have thought that this book could satisfactorily encompass 202 years of Australian history.

Barker's selection of what to include and what to omit is often puzzling. Why are Holden and Mitsubishi mentioned but Ford, Toyota, and Nissan omitted? Why is the only mention made of the ANU in 1946, when legislation for its establishment was introduced? (Many of the other major Australian universities have a series of entries so detailed as to describe even the formation of

their football teams.) Why is the cover illustrated with three pictures of FJ Holdens, when the car is not mentioned inside?

I am sure that many prominent Australians would feel a little disgruntled that they have not been included. As a test of the book I compiled a list of prominent Australian political, sporting and social identities and looked them up in the index. Fewer than half were listed. I also think that Sir Sidney Nolan would be amazed to know that he hasn't done anything of merit since 1964.

There is also a section at the end of each year's listing which tells of which buildings were erected, sporting achievements, statistics, births and deaths etc. These are terribly inconsistent. The book gives the population for each year, but apart from that, Barker seems to have just stuck in any figure that may have fallen immediately to hand. The book will occasionally give unemployment or inflation figures, which aren't too hard to find, but their scarcity in the book means that it is nearly impossible to follow changes over time because of the 20 or 30 year gaps between figures.

It is an interesting book and worth having a browse through for your own amusement. It is also a good idea, but suffers terribly because its small size necessitates leaving too much out. It may even settle a few bets, but if you are looking for an answer to a specific question, I don't give you much chance of finding it here.

—Ron Wilson

QUIT For Laughs

Australia's leading cartoonists look at a burning issue

QUIT For Life

Published by Allen & Unwin
Recommended Retail Price \$11.95
144 pages Paperback

As I've always wanted to lock certain smokers in a room with someone suffering severe gastric problems in order to demonstrate the unpleasantness of being subjected to other people's noxious gases, it is in my own interests to promote this book. However, I doubt very much that this book will hold deep interest for anyone whose life does not revolve around smoking.

QUIT For Laughs. (a witty derivation of *QUIT For Life*. for the slow ones out there) is a publication originating from the afore mentioned support group, the purpose of which is to provide a bit of humour for the smokers and



the passionate non-smokers of this world, all the while purveying not-so-subliminal messages to smokers encouraging them to kick the habit. The book itself is an eclectic compilation of Australian cartoons, anecdotes, one-liners and poems that pertain to smoking, and although it might not appeal to hard-core humour junkies, it is still pretty funny in places. One of my own personal favourites is a story relating a practical joke involving a pipe smoker, a Polaroid and somebody's rear end.

Whatever your feelings are towards smoking, it would make a good gift (retailing for \$11.95) for either a born-again smoker or someone who must live close to their vicinity.

—Patrick Campbell



Poetry

a simple flower
that grows among grass
is picked by a hand
that is shattered by glass

is held very tightly
to a limp beating breast
and smudged with blood
before coming to rest.

By Michelle Cooper

Ghostgirl

She called again to my room last night
A fading line in the drifting light
She spoke to me of the death she knew
as the time went by and the pages flew

I glimpsed her face in the mirrored wall
so ghostly pale in her tragic pall
She whispered then of the loss of trust
as the pages browned and collected dust

I felt her pain in the turning leaves
as it filters down o'er the boughs of trees
and the valley floor directs the flow
from the land she knew, to the land I know

Following her down to the river bend
where the moonlit shore bequeath her end
To lay a wreath of page and ink
and sever our last earthly link.

By Bronwyn Goody

JOSHUA

He always walked alone
and faced a world of stone.
With every passing day
he pushed the pain away.

The book he called his friend
was with him at the end.
and though he was at peace
his writing did not cease.

Sitting by his grave
A master, and his slave
I placed the wedding band
upon his resting land.

A solid ring of gold
for the hand I cannot hold
So I left him there
and the life WE did not share.

By Bronwyn Goody

